

FINANCES OF COLERAINE.

Selectmens' Report, 1859-60.

Detail No. 1.

Finances of the Town :

Balance in the Treasury, March 5, 1859.	94 66
Received from the Treasury of the State, for Armory rent, for 1858,	25 00
Balance in the hands of the Collector, March 5, 1859,	1331 12
Tax of 1859,	5595 96
Highway deficiency of 1858,	34 50
“ “ “ received of L. N. Brownell,	2 00
Received from the State School Fund,	82 74
“ “ “ Dog Tax,	16 00
“ “ “ School Committee, for books sold,	25 43
Received from the Treasury of the State, for Military Bounty,	360 00
Received from the Treasury of the State, for Armory rent,	25 00
Borrowed of the Franklin Savings Bank,	700 00
“ “ Thomas Barber,	300 00
	\$8592 41

Detail No. 2.

Statement of expenses for Paupers, belonging to the year 1858.

PAID	
Charles Green,	5 00
Goodwin Roberts,	267 00
C. W. Shattuck,	5 00
Mrs. R. Holden,	4 00
Alvin Goodnow,	3 00
	\$284 00

Detail No. 3.

Statement of other expenses belonging to the year 1858, and previous years.

PAID

O. J. Davenport, for services as School Committee,	11 50	
O. J. Davenport, for plank,	14 26	
J. B. Cromack, for plank,	6 14	
C. Vincent, for plank,	2 90	
Levi Sprague, over work,	1 79	
E. G. Miner, damage on highway,	10 50	
H. B. Miller, railing timber,	6 25	
Davis & Allen, fees in pauper case,	2 00	
Davis & Allen, fees in two pauper cases,	5 00	
Davis & Allen, for services before the commissioners, in the case of the road petitioned for by S. D. Handy and others.	25 00	
Davis & Allen, retaining fee,	5 00	
		\$90 34

Detail No. 4.

Paid outstanding orders, and interest on orders, \$427 26

Detail No. 5.

Expenses for bridges in the year 1859.

Rebuilding the Willis Bridge.**PAID**

A. B. Nelson, for timber,	36 63	
A. C. Smith, for labor and lumber,	28 75	
Luthur Graves, for iron work,	35 88	
S. B. Buck, for labor,	4 70	
H. B. Miller, for timber	12 10	
A. L. Thomas, for iron work,	3 75	
R. Dewey, for iron work,	1 75	
A. W. Snow, for labor,	55 50	
A. W. Snow, for Nails, Paint and Oil,	3 05	
		\$182 11

New Bridge near Coy's.**PAID**

Morris Pierce, for timber,	22 50	
S. G. Davenport, for timber,	12 60	
N. Peterson, for labor,	55 00	
C. S. Patterson, for timber and irons,	14 31	
B. S. Porter, for iron work,	5 40	
		\$109 81

Lower Bridge.**PAID**

L. Graves, for iron work,	15 27
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H. Smith, for timber and labor,	22 40	
H. F. Purrington, for labor,	3 00	
		\$40 67

Fox Bridge.

PAID		
Jacob Brown, for labor,	4 00	
D. L. Smith, for labor,	1 25	
H. Smith, for labor and timber,	21 95	
		\$27 20

Vincent Bridge.

PAID		
H. Smith, for timber and labor,	4 82	
D. L. Smith, for labor,	1 25	
C. S. Patterson, for labor,	1 25	
		\$7 32

Spurr Bridge.

PAID		
L. Spurr, for labor and timber,	16 55	
C. S. Patterson, for labor,	4 25	
S. D. Cole, for labor and timber,	2 50	
A. W. Snow, for labor,	13 88	
		\$36 68

Davenport Bridge.

PAID		
C. S. Patterson, for labor,	1 25	
D. L. Smith, for labor,	1 25	
H. Smith, for labor,	2 00	
		\$4 50

Adamsville Bridge.

PAID		
John Wilson, for labor,	1 00	
A. Bass, for timber,	3 20	
N. Peterson, for labor,	1 00	
H. Smith, for labor,	2 75	
D. L. Smith, for labor,	1 25	
C. S. Patterson, for irons and labor,	1 59	
		\$10 79

Detail No. 6.

Expenses for Plank and Timber.

PAID		
Reuben Hillman,	2 58	
S. Call,	34	
A. Browning,	4 22	
E. B. Stewart,	10 41	
H. W. Miner,	6 00	

D. A. & H. S. Denison,	2 20
J. R. Davenport,	2 52
A. Stewart, Jr.,	2 00
J. Smith,	3 42
S. D. Handy,	44
G. W. Miller,	3 12
L. Spurr,	4 71
M. Pierce,	10 36
A. C. Smith,	1 11
G. Carey,	2 94
A. B. Nelson,	6 00
W. Bell,	3 50
J. B. Cromack,	2 25
C. W. Shattuck,	1 88
J. Wilson,	2 20
C. S. Patterson,	4 79
H. B. Miller,	5 16
A. W. Snow,	2 73
J. Maxham,	1 50
	\$87 38

Detail No. 7.

Overwork on Highways, and expenses in consequence of damage to Highways.

PAID	
N. Peterson,	2 92
C. S. Hillman,	2 92
M. Pierce,	2 00
S. Call,	1 50
J. R. Davenport,	1 00
P. Johnson,	4 00
B. Bordwell,	90
S. D. Handy,	13 25
G. W. Miller,	11 50
L. Davenport,	5 75
J. Cone,	5 50
A. B. Nelson,	1 00
O. White,	5 00
M. McGee,	6 00
A. A. Prouty,	8 00
C. S. Patterson,	4 75
A. W. Snow,	5 84
H. Smith,	5 13
	\$92 26

Detail No. 8.

Railing Highways.

PAID	
L. Spurr,	2 00

H. W. Miner,	1 00	
H. B. Miller,	51 75	
W. Bell,	7 35	
C. S. Patterson,	1 75	
N. Peterson,	5 56	
		\$69 41

Detail No. 9.

Building Roads.

PAID		
G. W. Miller,	62 00	
S. D. Handy,	150 00	
A. Hinsdale,	87 50	
		\$299 50

Detail No. 10.

Damage on Highways.

PAID		
A. E. Thompson,	325 00	
Horace Smith,	55 00	
T. R. McGee,	15 00	
Z. W. Field,	5 00	
L. Shepardson,	50 00	
In the suits of Baldwin & Rindge vs. the town,	1167 50	
		\$1617 50

Detail No. 11.

Sexton's Bills.

PAID		
P. Johnson,	8 00	
Royal Smith,	2 00	
G. W. Jepson,	1 00	
D. L. Smith,	14 50	
C. S. Patterson,	1 00	
		\$26 50

Detail No. 12.

Paid for attending Funerals with Hearse.

L. Lyons' estate,	4 00	
T. R. McGee,	2 00	
F. Barber,	1 00	
H. B. Miller,	25 00	
		\$32 00

Detail No. 13.

Paid on account of the Poor.

Goodwin Roberts,	382 46
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There will be due Mr. Roberts, the contractor with the town, on the 7th day of April next the sum of three hundred and sixty-seven Dollars and fifty-four cents.

L. Lyons' estate, for Coffin and Shroud for Mrs. Seaver,	6 50	
		\$388 96

Detail No. 14.

Military Account.

PAID		
Soldiers' Military Bounty,	360 00	
Rent of Armory,	25 00	
		\$385 00

Detail No. 15.

Interest Money.

PAID		
Thomas Barber,	9 60	
C. S. Patterson,	4 85	
Franklin Savings Bank,	155 00	
James Avery,	60 00	
Hulda Donalson,	6 75	
H. Smith,	2 23	
Franklin Co. Bank,	17 15	
Balance of interest in cases of Baldwin and Rindge,	6 45	
Hulda Donalson,	6 75	
Shelburne Falls S. Bank,	18 00	
		\$286 78

Detail No. 16.

School Committee bill.

PAID		
H. Flagg,	34 70	
C. A. Snow,	19 50	
O. J. Davenport,	17 25	
		\$71 45

Detail No. 17.

Assessors' bill,

PAID		
D. S. Pierce,	25 45	
C. Wilson,	21 20	
T. Purrington,	21 26	
		\$67 91

Detail No. 18.

Selectmens' bill.

PAID

Hezekiah Smith,	56 96
Aseph W. Snow,	34 28
Calvin S. Patterson,	29 58

 \$120 82
Detail No. 19.

Sundry bills.

PAID

Treasurer, for services as treasurer,	8 00
Collector, for collecting Taxes in 1858,	74 00
For recording Births, Deaths, Marriages, &c.,	15 77
J. Totman, for surveying road,	1 00
T. R. McGee, plan of bridge,	3 00
J. Cone, Town Clerk's bill,	11 03
In suit of A. C. Deane vs. Coleraine,	41 98
J. Wilson, agent in above case,	1 25
H. B. Miller, express,	50
C. S. Patterson, Stationery and Postage,	72
Maj. Sheldon, for examining bridge,	3 00
Col. Leavitt, for surveying,	1 00
H. Smith, perambulating town line,	1 50
Wm. Lanfair, counsel	50
Postage,	28
Wm. Lanfair,	25
Order to C. Caukins,	2 50
W. Foster, Guide board,	1 50
Abatement of 1858,	30 39
" " 1859,	12 01

 \$210 18
Detail No. 20.

Apportionment of money for Schools.

District No. 1,	77 48
" " 2,	53 85
" " 3,	42 67
" " 4,	65 08
" " 5,	54 12
" " 6,	54 65
" " 7,	72 23
" " 8,	100 30
" " 9,	64 41
" " 10,	37 96
" " 11,	15 66
" " 12,	96 59
" " 13,	40 03
" " 14,	96 76

"	"	15,	57 96	
"	"	16,	41 25	
"	"	17,	117 03	
"	"	19,	7 73	
				\$1095 76

There has been paid to teachers, the sum of \$798 85, leaving in the hands of the Treasurer, \$296 91 balance to pay teachers.

Detail No. 21.

PAID		
State Tax,	\$345 00	
County Tax,	1026 06	
		\$1371 06

RECAPITULATION.

Means of the Town from all sources as per Detail No. 1,	\$8592 41
Bills paid by the Town	
For the support of the poor previous to 1859, as per Detail No. 2,	\$284 00
Other bills accruing previous to 1859, as per Detail No. 3,	90 34
Outstanding orders as per Detail No. 4,	427 38
Expenses of Bridges for the year 1859 as per Detail No. 5.	419 08
Expenses for plank and timber as per Detail No. 6,	87 38
Over-work on Highways, &c. as per Detail No. 7,	92 26
Building highways as per Detail No. 8,	69 41
Building roads as per Detail No. 9,	299 50
Damage on highways as per Detail No. 10,	1617 50
Sexton's bills as per Detail No. 11,	26 50
“ “ for attending funerals as per Detail No. 12,	32 00
On account of poor as per Detail No. 13,	388 96
Military account as per Detail No. 14,	385 00
Interest money as per Detail No. 15,	286 78
School Committee as per Detail No. 16,	71 45
Assessors as per Detail No. 17,	67 91
Selectmen as per Detail No. 18,	120 82
Sundry bills as per Detail No. 19,	210 18
School money as per Detail No. 20,	1095 76
State and County tax as per Detail No. 21,	1371 06
	\$7443 27
Available means of the Town as per Detail No. 23,	1751 50
	\$9194 77
Outstanding orders of 1859,	602 36
	\$8592 41

Detail No. 22.

Debts owing by the Town.

Note at the Franklin Savings Institution,	\$2900 00	
Interest to March 5, 1860,	30 92	
		\$2930 92
Note at the Shelburne Falls Savings Bank,	300 00	
Interest to March 5, 1860,	3 20	
		303 20
Note to Mrs. Lucretia Thompson,	130 49	
Interest to March 5, 1860,	4 76	
		135 75
Note to David L. Smith,	200 00	
Interest to March 5, 1860,	12 67	
		212 67
Note to Zenas Cary,	631 23	
Interest to March 5, 1860,	5 26	
		636 49
Note to James Avery,	1000 00	
Interest to March 5, 1860,	28 00	
		1028 00
Order to Aaron Lyons,	63 52	
Interest to March 5, 1860,	3 81	
		67 33
Order to Rominor Smith,	204 37	
Interest to March 5, 1860,	24 82	
		229 19
Note to Franklin Dewey,	200 00	
Interest to March 5, 1860,	13 70	
		213 70
Order to Thomas Barber,	160 00	
Interest to March 5, 1860,	2 40	
		162 40
Note to Thomas Barber,	364 66	
Interest to March 5, 1860,	21 87	
		386 53
Note to Thomas Barber,	300 00	
Interest to March 5, 1860,	13 65	
		313 65
Order to John Wilson,	112 50	
		112 50
Order to D. D. Hillman, date March 4, 1854,	2 82	
" A. J. Canada, " Nov. 1, 1854,	7 98	
" D. D. Dunnels, " Dec. 6, 1856,	20 00	
" Newton Smead, " Feb. 14, 1857,	12 43	
" Robert Miller, " March 1, 1858,	72	
" Thomas McGee, " May 9, 1859,	7 50	
" H. B. Miller, " July 5, 1859,	25 00	
		76 45

Order to H. B. Miller,	date July 5, 1859,	26 75
" H. Flagg,	" Oct. 18, "	127 74
" J. Totman,	" Dec. 3, "	1 00
" N. Peterson,	" " 3, "	36 98
" H. W. Miner,	" " 3, "	7 00
" D. S. Pierce,	" Jan. 7, 1860,	25 45
" A. Browning,	" " 13, "	4 22
" J. Smith,	" " 28, "	3 42
" C. W. Shattuck,	" " 9, "	6 88
" C. J. Davenport,	" " 9, "	17 25
" H. B. Miller,	" " 11, "	36 91
" Aaron Lyons,	" " 18, "	41 20
" A. W. Snow,	" " 18, "	34 28
" A. W. Snow,	" " 18, "	75 78
" H. Smith,	" " 18, "	125 00
		569 86
		\$7378 14

Detail No. 23.

To meet these demands, there is in the Treasury,	4 68	
Due from the Collector, on the tax 1859,	1644 51	
In the hands of the School Committee,	102 31	
		1751 50
		\$5616 64

Leaving a balance of five thousand six hundred and sixteen dollars and sixty-four cents as the debt of the Town.

In addition to the Town grant of three thousand dollars for ordinary expenses, we have borrowed of the Franklin Savings Bank, seven hundred dollars and of Thomas Barber, three hundred dollars.

We have paid bills not properly belonging to the year 1859—

As per detail No. 2,	284 00
As per detail No. 3,	90 34
As per detail No. 4,	427 28
A. E. Thompson,	325 00
In the suit of Baldwin & Rindge,	1167 50
In the suit of A. C. Deane,	43 23
	\$2337 35

Which sum taken from the four thousand dollars leaves one thousand six hundred and sixty-two dollars and sixty-five cents; which with three hundred and sixty-seven dollars and fifty-four cents that will be due Mr. Roberts, on the 7th day of April next, for the support of the poor for the year 1859, and the sum of six hundred

and two dollars and thirty-six cents, in outstanding orders given for bills of 1859, will make the ordinary expenses of the town for 1859, \$2632 55

Suits of Baldwin & Rindge, vs. the Town.

PAID

Davis & Allen's bill, including judgement,	1471 05	
By the agent, witness fees and other expenses,	191 33	
Compensation of agent,	17 89	
Balance of Interest,	6 45	
		1686 72
There had been paid previous to 7th of March, 1859,	519 22	
Leaving a balance which has been paid this year of	1167 50	
		\$1686 72

In the liabilities of the Town, there are some small orders given several years ago, of which we can get no trace, we believe they must have been paid and for some cause, were not crossed out on the order book.

HEZEKIAH SMITH,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
ASAPH W. SNOW,	
CALVIN S. PATTERSON,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Coleraine.</i>

FINANCES OF COLERAINE.

Selectmen's Report, 1860-61.

Detail No. 1.

Finances of the Town :

Balance in the Treasury, Feb. 18, 1860,	\$	4	68
Due from the Collector, on the Tax of 1859,		1644	51
Tax of 1860,		5392	67
Received from the Treasurer of the State for Armory rent,		25	00
Received from the State School Fund,		78	31
“ “ the School Committee, for Books sold,		25	00
Received from the Treasury of the State, for Military bounty,		372	10
			<u>\$7542 27</u>

Detail No. 2.

Bills contracted previous to March, 1860 :

A. W. Snow,	\$5	38
Hezekiah Smith,	8	63
Newton Smead,	5	34
Isaac Smead,	2	50
S. C. Avery,	4	00
Levi Davenport, damage by dogs,	2	00
Robert Miller,	2	50
Zorah Scott, damage by dogs,	7	00
E. B. Stewart,	2	40
Perly Johnson,	1	00
S. S. Eastman, for School Reports,	8	42
H. D. Mirick & Co., for Town Reports,	12	00
T. R. Shearer, damage on highways,	35	00
O. J. Davenport, services as School Committee,	3	00
S. D. Handy, building road,	66	00
S. D. Handy, railing highway,	5	70
G. W. Miller, chopping ice,	2	50
Abatement of Taxes, not reported in 1859,	27	17
G. W. Miller, building road,	22	00
Ezra Smead, repairing bridge,	1	50
		<u>\$224 04</u>

Detail No. 3.

Statement of expenses for paupers belonging to the year 1859 :

Paid Goodwin Roberts,	355 00	
“ Charles Green,	12 54	
		\$367 54

Expenses of paupers for the year 1860 :

Paid Goodwin Roberts,	324 00	
“ Charles Green,	40 00	
		\$364 00

There will be due Mr. Roberts, the contractor, on the 7th day of April next,	311 50
There will be due Charles Green,	12 00

Detail No. 4.

Expenses for bridges in the year 1860 :

Rebuilding the Spurr Bridge.

A. W. Snow, for labor,	77 59	
L. Spurr, for labor and boards,	32 50	
A. L. Thomas, for iron,	6 89	
Abel Dutton, for sawing,	10 39	
Samuel Cole, for work,	6 15	
S. D. Cole, for work,	7 24	
Martin Scott, for timber,	31 23	
Luther Graves, for iron work,	29 50	
Perly Johnson, for drawing timber,	4 80	
L. Spurr, for drawing boards,	3 50	
S. D. Cole, for boards,	22 00	
O. B. Curtis, for nails,	4 35	
Amos Stewart, Jr., for timber,	19 82	
		\$255 96

Wilson Bridge.

PAID	
John Wilson, for labor and timber,	14 50

City Bridge.

PAID	
L. Spurr, for drawing timber, and labor,	9 50
L. H. Graves, for bolts,	1 25
Joseph Griswold,	21 42
Robert Snow, for labor,	9 00
S. D. Cole, timber,	8 50
S. D. Cole, for labor,	6 55
A. W. Snow, for labor,	18 83
O. M. Gains, for labor,	6 38
	\$81 43

Stone Bridge, near A. Towne's.

PAID	
L. Spurr,	7 50
S. D. Cole,	3 00
D. Brown,	2 50
	\$14 00

Vincent Bridge.

PAID	
S. D. Cole, for labor,	4 75
P. Baldwin,	4 85
L. N. Brownell,	73
A. W. Snow, for labor,	16 00

D. S. Pierce, for timber,	13 03	
Griswoldville Mfg. Co., timber,	2 50	
		\$41 86

Davenport Bridge.

PAID		
Joseph F. Vincent, for timber,	10 80	
Luke White, for labor and timber,	32 00	
		\$42 80

Willis Bridge.

PAID		
Marcus Purrinton, for boards,		25 66

Fox Bridge.

PAID		
A. W. Snow, for labor,	5 00	
D. L. Smith,	3 75	
Hezekiah Smith,	4 25	
		\$13 00

Tisdale Bridge.

PAID		
D. S. Pierce, for timber,	4 22	
A. W. Snow, for labor,	2 00	
S. B. Buck, for labor,	2 00	
		\$8 22

Smith Bridge.

PAID		
S. N. Wilson, for timber,	3 48	
A. W. Snow, for labor,	6 00	
		\$9 48

Detail No. 5.

Overwork on highways:

PAID		
Austin Miner,	4 00	
Robert Miller,	8 70	
Lyman Farley,	3 00	
Truman Lincoln,	2 90	
Arad Nichols,	5 50	
Baxter Bardwell,	6 53	
Lewis Clark,	5 69	
D. L. Smith,	5 50	
B. S. Porter,	5 20	
R. A. Buck,	4 00	
Hezekiah Smith,	1 60	
T. E. Williams,	14 78	
Perly Johnson,	1 25	
L. Spurr,	1 50	
G. W. Miller,	35 74	
H. B. Miller,	2 50	
S. D. Cole,	3 92	
L. & G. Thompson,	5 50	
Lewis Shearer,	1 50	
Wm. Combs,	2 66	
D. W. Snow,	6 00	
		\$127 97

Repairs on Green River road:

PAID		
Baxter Bordwell,	10 40	
A. P. Nelson,	11 92	

E. G. Miner,	9 50	
Lewis Shearer,	17 00	
		\$48 82

Removing ice from Green River road :

PAID		
Harriet Barber,	55	
A. A. Prouty,	3 25	
Anson Browning,	3 75	
Amos Stewart,	3 75	
Elias Bardwell,	3 75	
A. P. Nelson,	8 49	
L. B. Stewart,	6 72	
Amos Stewart, Jr.,	3 73	
		\$33 99

Detail No. 6.

Plank for bridges,

PAID		
Marcus Purrinton,	10 25	
L. B. Stewart,	5 41	
George Cary,	3 24	
A. P. Nelson,	7 74	
J. R. Davenport,	1 95	
D. L. Smith,	62	
Reuben Hillman,	4 25	
B. S. Porter,	1 28	
Hezekiah Smith,	7 96	
Horace Roberts,	2 00	
C. W. Shattuck,	7 18	
C. N. Bement,	4 41	
S. D. Cole,	1 00	
O. J. Davenport,	1 20	
Orson Curtis,	4 16	
Wm. Coombs,	2 72	
D. S. Pierce,	4 18	
		\$69 55

Detail No. 7.

Damages on Highways :

PAID		
David Gilson, Agent for T. Waters and wife,	300 00	
J. B. Dickinson,	16 00	
Charles Evans,	6 00	
		\$322 00

Detail No. 8.

Sexton's bills,

PAID		
D. L. Smith,	6 00	
David Brown,	7 00	
Perly Johnson,	1 00	
Royal Smith,	4 00	
		\$18 00

Detail No. 9.

For attending funerals with hearse :

PAID		
H. B. Miller,	19 00	
		\$19 00

Detail No. 10.

Interest Money:

PAID		
Franklin Savings Bank,	174 00	
“ “ “	87 00	
James Avery's heirs,	60 00	
Joel Lombard,	19 63	
Shelburne Falls Savings Bank,	9 00	
Thomas Barber,	9 00	
Hulda Donelson,	6 75	
		\$365 38
Paid outstanding orders,		277 24

Detail No. 11.

School Committee bills :

PAID		
H. Flagg,	33 00	
O. J. Davenport,	21 00	
O. B. Curtis,	14 00	
		\$68 00

Detail No. 12.

Assessors' bills :

PAID		
D. S. Pierce, Town, 31 31 ; State, 30 70,	62 01	
A. C. Smith, “ 24 65 ; “ 19 00,	43 65	
A. Stewart, Jr., “ 21 74 ; “ 16 00,	37 74	
		\$143 46

Detail No. 13.

Selectmens' bill :

PAID		
S. D. Cole,	21 20	
S. N. Wilson,	20 00	
E. H. Thompson,	24 30	
		\$65 50

Detail No. 14.

Sundry bills :

PAID		
Horatio Flagg, for school books,	60	
A. P. Nelson, repairs of Armory,	10 30	
Joseph Griswold, Jr., for surveying,	12 00	
H. H. Winchester, for lumber for armory,	75	
Charles Mattoon, for counsel,	2 00	
S. O. Lamb, services in Waters' case,	5 00	
S. N. Wilson, perambulating town line,	8 37	
S. N. Wilson, postage,	15	
Abner Hawks, for surveying,	1 00	
Mr. Phillips, for surveying,	1 00	
C. Carpenter, abatement of taxes,	1 62	
E. Smead, stone for bridge,	75	

Abatement of taxes for the year 1859,	11 40	
R. Merrifield, collector of taxes in 1859,	74 00	
Money paid by E. H. Thompson,	11 54	
Jesse Cone, for services as Clerk and Treasurer and expenses paid as per bill,	37 39	
		\$177 87

Detail No. 15.

Railing highways :

PAID		
D. W. Snow,	75	
T. R. Shearer,	1 50	
H. B. Miller,	3 50	
G. W. Miller,	75	
		\$6 50

Detail No. 16.

Apportionment of Money for Schools :

District No. 1,	65 99	
" " 2,	51 68	
" " 3,	42 94	
" " 4,	57 15	
" " 5,	48 36	
" " 6,	54 04	
" " 7,	63 37	
" " 8,	84 59	
" " 9,	62 03	
" " 10,	37 84	
" " 11,	38 64	
" " 12,	97 06	
" " 13,	39 68	
" " 14,	100 19	
" " 15,	48 54	
" " 16,	38 30	
" " 17,	126 79	
" " 19,	26 52	
		\$1083 71

There has been paid to teachers, the sum of \$801 23, leaving in the hands of the Treasurer, 282 48 balance to pay teachers.

Detail No. 17.

PAID		
State Tax	287 50	
County Tax,	1,026 06	
		\$1313 56

Detail No. 18.

Military Account,

PAID		
Soldiers' Military Bounty,	372 10	
Rent of Armory,	43 33	
		\$415 43

RECAPITULATION.

Means of the town from all sources as per Detail No. 1,	\$7542 27
Bills paid by the town	
For bills contracted previous to 5th of March, 1860,	
as per Detail No. 2,	\$224 04
Expenses of paupers belonging to the year 1859, as per Detail No. 3,	367 54
Expenses of paupers for the year 1860, as per Detail No. 3,	364 00

Expenses for bridges for 1860 as per Detail No. 4,	506 91	
Overwork on highways as per Detail No. 5,	127 97	
Repairs on Green River road,	48 82	
Removing ice from Green River road,	33 99	
Plank for bridges as per Detail No. 6,	69 55	
Damages on highways as per Detail No. 7,	322 00	
Sexton's bills as per Detail No. 8,	18 00	
Attending funerals with hearse as per Detail No. 9,	19 00	
Paid interest money and outstanding orders as per Detail No. 10,	642 62	
School Committee's bill as per Detail No. 11,	68 00	
Assessor's bill as per Detail No. 12,	143 46	
Selectmen's bill as per Detail No. 13,	65 50	
Sundry bills as per Detail No. 14,	177 87	
Railing highways as per Detail No. 15,	6 50	
School money as per Detail No. 16,	1083 71	
State and county tax as per Detail No. 17,	1313 56	
Military account as per Detail No. 18,	415 43	
	6018 47	
Available means of the town as per Detail No. 20,	2120 27	
	8138 74	
Outstanding orders of 1860,	596 47	
		\$7542 27

Detail No. 19.

Debts owing by the Town :		
Note to Franklin Savings Institution,	2900 00	
Interest to March 4th, 1861,	30 92	
		\$2930 92
Note to Thomas Barber,	640 00	
Interest,	1 92	
		641 92
Note to Mrs. Lucretia Thompson,	130 00	
Interest to March 4th,	12 84	
		142 28
Note to William Manning,	200 00	
Interest,	25 43	
		225 43
Note to Zenas Cary,	631 23	
Interest,	33 44	
		664 67
Note to James Avery's heirs,	1000 00	
Interest,	28 00	
		1028 00
Order to Aaron Lyons,	63 25	
Interest,	7 84	
		71 09
Order to Rominer Smith,	204 37	
Interest,	38 57	
		242 94
Note to Jane Dewey,	275 00	
Interest,	8 25	
		283 25
Order to Frank Dewey,		55 77
Note to Thomas Barber,	386 86	
Interest,	23 21	
		410 07

Order to Thomas Barber,	160 00	
Interest,	1 60	
		161 60
Order to Huldah Donelson,		112 50
Order to Hezekiah Smith, date Jan. 18th, 1860,	125 00	
" Aaron Lyons, " " " "	41 20	
" Horatio Flagg, " Oct. 18th, 1859,	102 74	
" H. B. Miller, " July 5th, 1859,	26 75	
" H. B. Miller, " " "	25 00	
" T. R. McGee, " May 9th, 1859,	7 50	
" Newton Smead, " Feb. 14th, 1857,	12 43	
" S. D. Cole, " Feb. 20th, 1861,	31 28	
" S. N. Wilson, " " "	34 00	
" E. H. Thompson, " " "	35 84	
" David Gilson, " Oct. 6th, 1860,	200 00	
" Jane Dewey, " " "	25 00	
" Lewis Clark, " Jan. 5th, 1861,	5 69	
" James H. Vincent, " " "	3 10	
" Levi Davenport, " " "	2 00	
" L. B. Stewart, " Jan. 12th, 1861,	11 13	
" Lyman Farley, " Jan. 26th, 1861,	3 00	
" Austin Miner, " " "	4 00	
" David Brown, " Feb. 15th, 1861,	9 50	
" William Coombs, " Feb. 16th, 1861,	5 38	
" H. B. Miller, " " "	15 00	
" G. W. Miller, " Feb. 18th, 1861,	58 49	
" E. Smead, " " "	2 25	
" Jesse Cone, " " "	37 39	
		\$823 67
		\$7794 11

Detail No. 20.

To meet these demands, there is in the hands of

Collector, on the Tax of 1860,	\$2042 96	
In the hands of the School Committee,	77 31	
		2120 27
		\$5673 84

Leaving a balance of five thousand six hundred seventy-three dollars and eighty-four cents as the debt of the town.

We have paid bills not properly belonging to the year 1860—

As per Detail No. 2,	224 04	
As per Detail No. 3,	367 54	
R. Merrifield, over-paid on tax of 1859,	69 61	
		661 19
Outstanding order		277 24

\$938 43

Which sum taken from the three thousand dollars leaves two thousand sixty-one dollars fifty-seven cents, which with three hundred twenty-three dollars and fifty cents that will be due Mr. Roberts on the 7th day of April next, and the sum of five hundred ninety-six dollars and forty-seven cents for orders given for bills of 1860, will make the ordinary expenses of the town for 1860,

\$2981 54

S. D. COLE,	} Selectmen of Coleraine.
S. N. WILSON,	
E. H. THOMPSON,	

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF
COLERAINE,
1860--61.

FELLOW CITIZENS:

THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE begin their Annual Report by saying, that the great variety of books in our schools is an occasion of frequent complaint, both by parents and teachers. The latter are embarrassed by it, as it prevents their classing their pupils properly. Their time is wasted by a multiplicity of small classes. And parents grumble at the expense and trouble of procuring new books so often. They say that many new teachers introduce new books, and that the half-learned ones of the last term are cast aside. It is, indeed, a sore grievance. But what shall be done? We have attempted something: we have told the Teachers that if, on their own responsibility, they introduced books other than those prescribed by the Committee, we would lay hands on them. As the law requires, we have procured, and keep for sale, the books prescribed by us. Yet the grievance is not redressed; uniformity in books is not secured. Shall the Committee, then, put the law in force? Shall they go into the schools where this irregularity prevails, and direct the teachers to use only the books prescribed on their Registers—and declare the scholars having *other* books, to be unsupplied,—and if the parents do not, forthwith, procure the right kind, furnish the children with them at the expense of the town, and then send an account of the same to the Assessors who are to add the expense to the parents' taxes for the next year? A delightful state of feeling would very soon be got up in this way. And

when, and how, the irritation and strife would cease, no one can prophecy. In the present posture of public sentiment among us, the Selectmen might as well attempt to enforce the late dog-law, to the letter. We everywhere see these brutes unregistered; uncollared, roaming safe—as we may see, in many of our school-rooms, the intruders, the unsanctioned books, reposing on the desks, or under them.

Parents—the only practicable remedy is in your hands. If you purchase only the books prescribed, the nuisance will soon be abated effectually. But if you continue to buy books at the bidding of teachers, the evil will continue, like gravel in delicate machinery, to disturb the movements in the school-room—unless the Committee gather up these interlopers, and march right up to the mouth of Nebuchadnezzar's furnace with them, at the risk of a scorching almost as terrible as *his* officers suffered.

We come now to say, that in our judgment, the state of our schools is, in many respects, steadily though slowly improving from year to year. But much remains to be done, to make them what they ought to be made, and may, and must yet be made. We think a very great change in public opinion among us needs to take place, respecting the selection of teachers, the kind of government, the method of instruction, the cultivation of manners and morals, and the conduct of scholars in and out of school. And we respectfully ask your careful consideration of our views on these points—views long and deeply cherished, and gathered from the wide field of long experience and observation.

Our children are legal scholars about ten years, i. e. from 5 to 15. Established usage allows them to attend our common schools some years longer, if they do not overcrowd them. In this period they are to be taught the Spelling Book, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Geography, Grammar, and the History of our own Country—besides good morals and behavior. And in these ten years, we believe they may be, and ought to be, made well acquainted with all these branches. So thought our law-makers—else they would have lengthened the time, so as to make *scholars*, and not smatterers. Yet is it not evident that great numbers leave our schools, as now conducted, with extremely defective knowledge of the required branches? A few, from our best schools, or by force of their own application and love of learning, go out into the world with very respectable attainments. Yet they are comparatively but few. You all perceive and acknowledge the immense value of a good education—good in the broadest sense. Its advantages

are, in every view, so manifold and so obvious that the debased, half-civilized beings who form the lowest stratum of society, are pleased and proud to have a child of their's push his way up to the possession of it. Is it not worth a resolute, if need be a mighty effort, to give, so far as fit means can do it, not to a mere fraction, but to the great body of the rising race, those virtuous principles, that true politeness, and that cultivation of mind, which is at once the treasure and ornament of all that have it? The law requires all this, and for the plainest and weightiest reasons.

To secure such an education, (so far as the agency of the school is concerned,) the first grand requisite is the employment of the right kind of teachers. And to find such, we need the guidance of enlarged and just views. It does seem as if many looked only for a teacher whose *terms*, in the first place, were moderate, and who, having been able to "pass an examination," can keep decent order, and go through the routine of exercises in the school-room, turning the machinery there with regularity according to established and immemorial usage. Now they may, by mere favor of Providence, secure a good teacher, as "some have entertained angels unawares." But they will probably get one of that sort that make the progress of our schools slow, do some little good, and much harm, and make a great deal of hard, unpleasant work for any really good teacher that may succeed them. We will take an extreme case, that the principal faults or deficiencies may be grouped together under one view; and we will use the feminine pronoun, as nearly all our teachers are ladies.

For what reason she whom you have installed as Mistress of your school is called a *Teacher*, it is hard to say. In reading, for example, all her care is bestowed to keep the little folks in line, and prevent those grimaces and queer attitudes that they are propense to when standing up and waiting listlessly for their turn to come to read. Now and then, to be sure, she corrects a mispronunciation or supplies an omission. That is all. She *hears* the class; but that is not *teaching*. No frequent and animated examples of correct reading are given—no critical drilling on difficult passages till they can execute them perfectly—no free discussions to cultivate their taste, inform their judgment, and inspire an enthusiasm to reach the highest attainments in this divine art. In the other branches she hears the pupils recite from memory, the lessons given them. So do those about them, only not with book in hand. But *hearing* simply, we repeat, is not *teaching*. Memory is almost the only faculty cultivated in this way. The other and

nobler ones are not called out into useful, vigorous and delightful action. The principles of science are not explained. No care is taken that they clearly understand them. They are continually allowed to use terms without knowing anything of their meaning. Question them, and they are blank. In short, they are not trained to think, to investigate, to judge, to reason—which is the most essential thing in education. Her own mind is not so disciplined by hard study, and stored with various knowledge as to fit her to *educate*—i. e., to draw out, and develop the mental faculties of her pupils. If our teacher does not hold so slack a rein, that the children do pretty much what is right in their own eyes, she adopts a kind of government, viz:—that of force and fear, which is, perhaps, as mischievous as the noise and confusion that prevail when there is no government at all. She is determined to have order—that she is. But she has not those qualities that secure obedience. The *character*, the self-respect, the polite and courteous manners, the calm dignity joined with great decision, the good common sense, the warm and ever-flowing kindness, the love of children, and the purpose to do right and to do them all the good she can, so strong that every pupil feels it,—*these she wants*. Such a character, the ground of moral influence, and which almost alone, without severity or the authority of station, is sufficient to secure obedience, *she wants*. And so you see her, much of the time, with frowning face, giving vehement orders, scolding and finding fault. Let us not be misunderstood. *Reproof* is a serious thing. It is not weak, despicable passion venting itself in bitter words that only stir up wrath and hate. But it is truth and righteousness calmly speaking to the conscience of the culprit. It is often more effectual than corporal punishment, and, to a great degree, supersedes the necessity of it. But having never acquired self-control, our teacher falls frequently into fits of impotent anger. The *eye* of some teachers is sufficient to quell, instantly, any little disorders that are rising. A glance carries the full effect, with the speed of light, to the farthest corner of the school-room. But *she* is obliged to spend much of her time and strength that ought to be spent in instruction, running about everywhere, cuffing this one and that one, shaking them, pulling or pinching their ears, or giving them blows with a stick—for she usually carries in her hand a rod or ferule—Ruler, the children call it. This sounds like a bitter joke, but it is a serious truth. The real *Ruler* of that school, is that bit of wood. This is government for savages; not for civilized and christian people. She works hard, and worries herself, and gets very tired—poor thing! But what good is done? You make a call on her school, and,

seeing that, by dint of effort, bustling about, chiding sharply, rapping and pulling about, she preserves a tolerable degree of order, and that the lessons are recited with a considerable degree of correctness, you ask—"Don't you think they are learning pretty well? Yes, sir, we answer,—as fast as any school in town. And we will tell you *what* they are learning. All but the best natures among them, are learning to hate study, to hate control, to be shrewd rogues, to hide mischief adroitly, and to become subjects of the baser passions. They are learning ill manners, and worse morals. 'Tis true, something else is learned; but not enough to countervail these evils. The mind is so made as to receive new ideas with delight. Let a skillful touch awaken all its powers, and encourage, and direct, and assist them in their proper exercise, and they will work to gain knowledge with interest and animation. The whole mind is set aglow. But let scarcely more than *one* of the faculties be driven to its task by hard command, or by fear, of some sort, and study will almost inevitably become irksome. It will be dull and dry. And then, the teacher, ruling by force and fear, without the love and reverence of her pupils, there is a perpetual, and most unnatural strife going on between them—she, to keep her lines tight and strong upon them—and they, to take all the liberties they safely can, or dare to. This is human nature. If your eye had been trained, as the eye may be, to convey a pretty distinct knowledge of all that is going on in the hemisphere before it, you would have seen, when you called on that school, all sorts of antics practiced whenever the teacher was off the watch. In all practicable ways, they were teasing each other, throwing various articles about, writing communications on slates or bits of paper, and passing them round, whittling, eating nuts or apples, making comical pictures, twisting themselves into curious shapes, and making wry faces at each other and the teacher. But the instant her head began to turn round, all was hushed—quiet and sober as innocence. It is sometimes impossible to find out the real author of a piece of mischief. Though half a score may be privy to the facts, they know nothing at all about them, when questioned—smitten with sudden, and utter, but most convenient loss of memory. They would not lie to a neighbor, but have no scruples about deceiving a teacher. Their code of honor allows this. And some who *would* testify truly, are deterred by threats of vengeance from their schoolmates. They would "pay dear" for bringing one another out. We hope such a frightful state of things is confined to a few localities. Now, so far as the influence of such a school goes, what is likely to be the effect

on the children? What sort of men and women is it preparing to come after us?

Authority—true, righteous, rightful authority, is a thing of inexpressible value and importance. Though firm, it is mild and gentle—most beneficial in its influence on human character, and on all human interests—in its spirit, benignant as goodness itself: and, therefore, subjection to it is easy. But if brute force usurps its place and name, and children confound the ideas of them together, is there not danger that they will grow up with a disgust at all control, however reasonable and necessary, and be law-haters and law-breakers all their days? Unreasonable and harsh, and even brutal as passion is wont to be, what injury do the feelings and tempers of children suffer under the rule of a cross, scolding, irascible teacher? Grief, discouragement, obstinacy, quick resentment, or smothered hate, are perpetually excited; while hope, and joy, and all the kindly and generous affections of our nature, wither. The scene is like that of flower-beds under a hail-storm.

In whose mind is the idea of good manners—the manners of well-bred people, associated with coarse, sharp words, and the foul spirits within that belch them out? The things are incompatible. Now these things that corrupt manners and morals together, are constantly being taught by example—the example of the teacher, or called out into act by her treatment. And what if the school is opened by reading the scriptures and practical remarks on them? With what force will they come from lips that are so often violating the first great law of love?

Fellow Citizens:—Seek out and employ the right sort of teachers. They are to be found. Is it for a moment to be admitted that our gracious Creator, who has so bountifully bestowed the talents requisite for every *other* office in human society, has provided but scantily for this? O, no! Seek out, then, such as are of sweet and benevolent disposition—such as have a love for children—such as will make the school-room an attractive place—one to which your children will not have to be driven, but *from* which they can scarcely be kept—a place where generous and noble sentiments, and sweet and warm affections are kept in continual and delightful flow—growing till they form a character of worth and loveliness. Why should they be robbed of so much of that fund of happiness which is the birth right of children, and suffer so many unmerited sorrows under the tuition of cold and stern, and surly teachers? Seek out such teachers as possess the qualifications requisite for *good government*,—in whom mildness and great self-com-

mand are united with a quiet force, a power held in reserve, but equal to any occasion that may arise—such as shrewdly discern character, and, by some means, find out all that is taking place among those they have the charge of; prudent, sagacious, just to all, and most strictly impartial; a *lady*, a *gentleman*, in tastes, feelings, principles, and behavior. The calm reproof of such an one cuts deeper than the rod of those who can rule only by that instrument. Under her genial sway, the noiseless school look pleased and happy, and make delightful advances in all that ennobles and adorns our nature. Rarely will those misdemeanors that require a chastisement, and that are so common under a different kind of sway, occur here. The pupils have neither time, nor disposition, nor opportunity to play tricks and plan roguery. If you cannot get *all* these qualifications in one, get as many as you can—enough to secure, if not a *perfect*, yet the *right kind* of government. And then seek out such as have the skill, the patience, and the fixed purpose to teach *thoroughly*—to make the pupils *masters* of whatever they have in hand, as far as they go. Thus they may begin, at each new term, where they left off at the last, instead of going back, as is now so common, to where they began many terms before, because the ground was gone over so imperfectly. Many of our classes remind us of the frog in the dry well, climbing up a distance every day, but sliding back each night to nearly the spot he started from. But when a subject is completely mastered, it is not only a permanent acquisition, but in the process, the whole mind is educated; all its powers are called forth into activity—which is the chiefest object to be sought. A succession of such teachers would elevate our schools from year to year. And thus the *right character* would be more and more adorned with better acquisitions, in those from whom selections of new teachers are to be made. Some may ask if the disorders that have been spoken of prevail in *many* of our schools? We hope not. But where they do exist, the scholars know it; and if the parents would make careful inquiry, we think many of them would be surprised at the extent of these evils. And they would probably become aware of others that we can now only allude to—such as the too common use of profane and filthy language, throwing stones and other dangerous missiles at each other, whereby they are often hurt, and always put in peril of fatal consequences. These things demand the anxious, earnest attention of both parents and teachers.

That a powerful motive might be urged for the exercise of great caution in selecting those to whose care our children are

to be committed, *Teachers* have occupied a considerable space in the views we have taken. It was unavoidable. And we hope it may not be without use to them. We have in mind many—very many who will never have a suspicion that any of the *strictures* were suggested by anything ever observed in them.

We have time only to say, briefly, that, taking the standard by which schools are now judged, those of the last Summer were quite good. The same may be said of the Fall, and most of the Winter schools. A goodly number of the teachers might well be supposed to have “sat for the picture,” we have attempted to sketch, of the *right sort*. In No. 4, the teacher’s health failed; but her place was well supplied by another. In Adamsville school, the teacher failed to secure order, and left. It was not wise to place one so young and inexperienced in a school of that size. Had he *proved* himself awhile in some of our small schools, he would likely have been *approved*, for he is a youth of promise and fine acquisitions. There have been much fewer troubles in our schools this year than in the year preceding. Two very unpleasant occurrences, Rumor has trumpeted abroad, and we leave her alone to tell her stories, as we are minded this year, to escape being censured for repeating them, though on the best authority. In Nos. 6 and 12, where the schools were good, some of the parents declined to send their children. We note this chiefly to express our regret. For unless teachers are so morose, immoral or incompetent as to make attendance profitless or hurtful (in which case they should be sent elsewhere,) it is wrong to deprive children of the benefit on account of dissatisfaction with the proceedings of the Districts or their Committees—as was the case here. The suggestion, we are sure, will be received with the same kindness in which it is given, that there are Statutes relating to such matters, that the Committee are in duty bound to see enforced. All which is respectfully submitted.

HORATIO FLAGG,	} School Committee.
O. J. DAVENPORT,	
O. B. CURTIS,	

Coleraine, April 1, 1861.

FINANCES OF COLERAINE.

Selectmen's Report, 1861--62.

Detail No. 1.

Due from the Collector on the Tax of 1860,	\$2042 96	
Tax of 1861,	5369 05	
Received from the State School Fund,	66 89	
Dog Tax of 1861,	73 00	
		\$7551 90

Detail No. 2.

Statement of Expenses for Paupers belonging to the year 1860 :

PAID		
Goodwin Roberts,	\$311 50	
Charles Green,	12 00	
		\$323 50

Expenses for Paupers for the year 1861 :

PAID		
Goodwin Roberts,	\$327 24	
Charles Green,	3 00	
There will be due Mr. Roberts, the contractor, on the 7th day of April next, 219 76.		
PAID		
J. M. Lyons, for coffin and shroud for L. Green,	7 00	
Jane Lyons, do do for P. Sherwin,	6 50	
Gilbert Farmer, do do for H. Emmons,	6 50	
C. T. Lyons, for medical attendance upon C. H. Porter,	5 00	
C. T. Lyons, do do do L. Green,	10 00	
B. Brown, for keeping family over night,	2 00	
Mr. Osborne, for attending P. Sherman's funeral,	1 00	
C. W. Shattuck, for shroud for H. Emmons,	1 37	
		\$369 61

Detail No. 3.

Bills contracted previous to March 4, 1861, not reported.

PAID		
S. B. Buck, work on Tisdale Bridge,	2	00
C. T. Lyons, attendance upon Miss Tisdale,	10	00
E. H. Thompson,	2	26
S. N. Wilson,	1	25
T. R. M'Gee, work on Fox bridge,	1	00
R. M. Snow, towards boarding Spurr bridge,	5	00
Rominor Smith,	11	15
A. L. Thomas, for iron washers,	3	04
Horace Smith, damage on highway,	5	00
J. S. Bell, work on Highway,	8	97
S. D. Cole, bridge repairs, and getting reports printed,	7	11
Joseph Smith, railing highways,	6	25
H. W. Miner, overwork on highways,	10	75
David Houghton, do do	4	50
		\$78 28

Detail No. 4.

Expenses for Bridges, in the year 1861.

PAID		Re-building the Spurr Bridge.
A. W. Snow, labor,	28	88
J. L. Clark, labor,	23	50
T. S. Lincoln, labor,	5	00
E. C. Harris, labor,	9	00
A. H. Carrier, labor,	4	00
R. A. Buck, labor,	14	45
R. M. Snow, labor,	18	75
O. M. Gains, labor,	8	75
Newton Smead, labor,	21	38
Gordon Thompson, labor,	23	25
S. B. Buck, for labor.	6	00
S. D. Cole, labor,	7	50
S. C. Avery, labor,	2	00
L. Spurr, labor,	12	85
Levi Thompson, labor,	13	75
A. C. Smith, keys,	1	50
O. F. Morrison, labor,	4	50
Isaac Smead, labor,	7	75
J. B. Cromack, labor and boards,	14	72
Charles Wheeler, timber and work,	17	33
John Fowler, drawing timber,	5	00
William Mowry, sawing timber,	10	00
E. D. Cole, board and horse keeping,	12	93
David Wilson, iron work and board,	7	00
L. Graves, iron work,	1	00
Geo. S. Shaw, nails,	1	63
B. B. Noyes, iron work,	4	2
D. Dutton, keys,	1	00
		\$283 84

PAID	Shattuck Bridge.		
A. W. Snow, labor,		19	38
Newton Smead, labor and irons,		23	78
Parson & Atherton, labor,		5	00
T. R. M'Gee, labor,		4	00
S. H. Moore, labor,		3	00
L. B. Moore, labor,		4	50
J. T. Miller, labor,		7	50
S. Gilson, labor,		2	00
Isaac Smead, labor,		9	12
S. B. Buck, labor,		6	00
R. M. Snow, labor,		8	00
S. D. Cole, labor and timber,		13	75
Lewis Brigham, timber,		13	00
William Mowry, sawing,		7	50
S. Allen's Sons, for iron,		9	00
L. Jones, iron work,		3	00
David Wilson, iron work,		3	60
B. B. Noyes,		75	
			\$142 28
PAID	Davenport Bridge.		
Joel R. Davenport, labor,		55	00
A. W. Snow, labor,		1	00
			\$56 00
PAID	Hillman Bridge.		
D. S. Pierce, labor,		140	67
Smith & Graves, iron work,		20	75
A. W. Snow, labor,		2	00
			\$163 42
PAID	Brown Bridge.		
John Wilson, labor,			\$14 39
PAID	Lyon Bridge.		
A. W. Snow, labor,		11	00
R. M. Snow, labor,		4	50
H. A. Smith, labor,		1	87
A. C. Smith,		5	15
S. D. Cole,		1	50
L. Graves, iron work,		19	71
			\$43 73
PAID	Wilson Bridge.		
A. W. Snow, labor,		2	00
S. B. Buck, labor,		2	00
S. D. Cole,		1	50
John Wilson,		1	37
			\$6 87
PAID	Fox Bridge.		
A. W. Snow,		2	00
A. C. Smith,		2	00
H. Smith,		5	59
S. D. Cole,		1	00
D. L. Smith,		2	25
T. R. M'Gee,		1	00
S. B. Buck,		2	00
			\$15 84

PAID	Willis Bridge.		
A. W. Snow, labor,		20	00
Marcus Purrington, timber,		5	05
A. C. Smith,		2	72
			\$27 77
PAID	Taylor Brook Bridge.		
C. S. Hillman,			\$14 44
PAID	Blanden Road and Bridge.		
C. S. Hillman,			\$50 00
PAID	R. Smith Bridge.		
D. S. & M. Pierce, labor,			\$87 00
			\$905 58

Detail No. 5.

PAID	Plank for Bridges.		
S. D. Cole,		11	93
A. C. Smith,		8	47
D. L. Smith,		1	90
L. B. Stewart,		1	12
Joel R. Davenport,		1	41
Shattuck & Whitin,		1	50
R. J. Smith,		1	75
R. Smith,		11	15
David Nelson,		11	28
O. B. Curtis,		3	43
S. N. Wilson,		1	31
Levi L. Green,		7	50
			\$62 75

Detail No. 6.

PAID	Damages on Highways.		
Stephen Smith,		25	00
William Canady,		3	50
C. T. Lyons,		3	00
			\$31 50

Detail No. 7.

PAID	Repairs on Highways.		
J. M. Miller, Green River Road,		11	40
Zina Cary, do do		12	37
Austin Miner, do do		67	50
Joseph D. Noyes, do do		7	00
Asa A. Prouty, do do		50	00
Amos Stewart, jr. do do		21	86
T. E. Williams, do do		2	00
Silas W. Wheeler, do do		33	21
Baxter Bordwell, do do		6	00
Amasa White,		5	00
Samuel Donelson,		40	00

D. S. & M. Pierce,	48 00
Samuel Donelson, building road,	30 00
Reuben Hillman,	40 00
Austin Miner, building stone bridge,	16 00
Warner & Fisk,	15 00
S. G. Davenport,	10 80

 \$416 14

Detail No. 8.

PAID

Overwork on Highways.

John Vincent,	13 22
Amos Bordwell,	4 41
Newton Smead,	8 34
Charles S. Hillman,	2 25
Elisha Pike,	5 80
E. C. Harris,	2 00
Sylvester Call,	2 10
A. B. Nelson,	12 25
Asaheil Warner,	7 50
Horace A. Smith	80
R. A. Buck,	2 45
Gilbert Farmer,	40
T. R. M'Gee,	1 50
Levi Sprague,	1 20
D. Nelson,	1 50
Amos Stewart, jr.	2 00
S. N. Wilson,	1 00
Job R. Smith,	1 50
John Maxim,	1 13
Myrtle M'Gee,	6 93
Henry N. Scott,	2 52
Wilber White,	3 00
Joel K. Davenport,	2 80
David L. Smith,	5 45
Shattuck & Whitin,	1 25
R. J. Smith,	2 50
David Nelson,	6 25
Henry O. Scott,	2 80
Perly Johnson,	2 25
E. H. Thompson,	6 10
Harry Bell,	1 00
Levi L. Green,	2 50

 \$115 70

Detail No. 9.

PAID

Sexton's Bills.

D. L. Smith,	14 00
Royal Smith,	10 00
Perly Johnson,	3 50
George Jepson,	1 00
H. B. Miller,	2 00

 \$30 50

Detail No. 10.

PAID

For attending Funerals with a Hearse.

Hugh B. Miller,

\$39 00

Detail No. 11.

PAID	School Committee Bills.	
O. J. Davenport,		28 32
O. B. Curtis,		26 25
J. R. Smith,		18 50

 \$73 07
Detail No. 12.

PAID	Assessors' Bills.	
D. S. Pierce,	State, 5 75—Town, 30 62	36 37
A. C. Smith,	State, 5 63—Town, 22 66	28 29
A. Stewart, jr.	State, 5 62—Town, 20 95	26 57

 \$91 23
Detail No. 13.

PAID	Selectmen's Bills.	
S. D. Cole,		21 61
S. N. Wilson,		31 55
E. H. Thompson,		23 64

 \$76 80
Detail No. 14.

PAID	Sundry Bills.	
O. M. Gaines, fixing Armory,		1 25
L. Graves, railing highway,		1 00
L. Graves, bolts for Shattuck bridge—not used,		14 22
Charles Russell, tolling bell, taking care of Town Hall,		2 25
A. L. Thomas, washers for bridges,		10 61
C. W. Shattuck, powder,		75
Charles Mattoon, for Counsel,		1 00
Joseph Smith, railing highways,		6 25
R. M. Snow, boarding Spurr bridge,		10 06
L. Graves, putting up railing,		1 00
S. S. Eastman, printing School Reports,		9 00
“ “ “ Town Report,		10 00
Abatement of Taxes, for the year 1860,		33 93
S. N. Wilson, self and team to Guilford,		1 50
Expenses paid by E. H. Thompson,		8 52
Jesse Cone, services as Clerk and Treasurer, and ex-		
penses paid as per bill,		44 12
R. Merrifield, Collecting Taxes, 1860,		63 00
O. White, damage by dogs,		2 00
O. E. Weatherhed, official business and expenses paid,		11 75
H. B. Miller, services in bastard case,		3 00

 \$234 21
Detail No. 15.

PAID	Interest Money.	
Thomas Barber,		9 60
George Cary,		14 64
Zenas Cary,		25 24
Franklin Savings Bank,		174 00

James Avery's heirs,	61 04	
Wm. Manning,	12 00	
		\$296 52
Paid Outstanding Orders,		864 76
		\$1161 28

Detail No. 16.

Apportionment of Money for Schools.

District No. 1	69 24	
2	56 93	
3	44 94	
4	55 35	
5	53 20	
6	53 05	
7	67 32	
8	104 53	
9	57 81	
10	35 07	
11	36 41	
12	93 35	
13	37 85	
14	104 57	
15	53 60	
16	39 99	
17	121 27	
18	26 44	
		\$1110 92
There has been paid to Teachers the sum of		783 60
Leaving in the hands of the Treasurer, to pay Teachers,		\$327 32

Detail No. 17.

PAID State Tax,	222 00	
County Tax,	929 00	
		\$1151 00

Recapitulation.

Means of the Town, from all sources, as per Detail No. 1,		\$7551 90
Expenses for paupers for the year 1860, as per Detail No. 2,	323 50	
Expenses for paupers for the year 1861, as per Detail No. 2,	369 61	
Expenses for bills contracted previous to March, 1862, as per Detail No. 3,	78 28	
Expenses for bridges in the year 1861, as per Detail No. 4,	905 58	
Expenses for plank, as per Detail No. 5,	62 74	
Damages on highways, as per Detail No. 6,	31 50	
Repairs on highways, as per Detail No. 7,	416 14	
Overwork on highways, as per Detail No. 8,	115 20	
Sexton's bills, as per Detail No. 9,	30 50	

Attending funerals with hearse, as per Detail No. 10,	39 00	
School committee bill, as per Detail, No. 11,	73 07	
Assessors' bills, as per Detail No. 12,	91 23	
Selectmen's bills, as per Detail No. 13,	76 80	
Sundry bills, as per Detail No. 14,	234 21	
Paid interest money and outstanding orders as per Detail No. 15,	1161 28	
School money, as per Detail No. 16,	1110 92	
State and county tax, as per Detail No. 17,	1151 00	
Available means of the Town, as per Detail No. 19,	\$6269 56	1946 21
Outstanding orders of 1861,	8215 77	425 16
From this take the amount of Detail No. 1,	7790 61	7551 90
The balance in favor of the town, is		\$228 71

Detail No. 18.

Debts owing by the Town.

Note to the Franklin Savings Institution,	2900 00	
Interest to March 3, 1862.	30 92	
		\$2930 92
Note to Zenas Cary,	684 00	
Interest to March 3,	4 53	
		\$688 53
Note to Thomas Barber,	640 00	
Interest to March 3,	40 32	
		\$680 32
Note to Thomas Barber,	386 86	
Interest to March 3,	23 21	
		\$410 07
Note to Mrs. Lucretia Thompson,	130 00	
Interest,	20 64	
		\$150 64
Note to William Manning,	200 00	
Interest,	12 00	
		\$212 00
Note to James Avery's heirs,	1000 00	
Interest,	28 00	
		\$1028 00
Note to Jane Dewey,		\$221 15
Order to Thomas Barber,	160 00	
Huldah Donelson,	112 50	
Hezekiah Smith,	125 00	
Horatio Flagg,	127 74	
Newton Smead,	12 43	
Lyman Farley,	3 00	
Aaron Lyons,	133 85	
Aaron Lyons,	75 47	
H. B. Miller,	10 00	
D. S. Pierce,	140 67	
E. C. Harris,	11 00	

L. B. Moore,	4 50	
Newton Smead,	53 50	
Newton Smead,	6 50	
George Cary,	14 64	
A. C. Smith,	48 13	
R. J. Smith,	4 25	
B. B. Noyes,	1 17	
H. O. Scott,	2 80	
Geo. Jepson,	1 00	
Isaac Smead,	9 12	
C. T. Lyons,	3 00	
Geo. S. Shaw,	20 21	
S. D. Cole,	27 00	
Jesse Cone,	44 12	
O. E. Weatherhed,	11 75	
H. Bell,	1 00	
		\$7284 78

Detail No. 19.

To meet these demands, there is :

In the hands of the collector on the tax of 1861,	1858 90	
In the hands of the school committee,	77 31	
In the treasury,	10 00	
		\$1946 21
		\$5338 57

Leaving a balance of five thousand, three hundred and thirty-eight dollars and fifty-seven cents as the debt of the town.

Ordinary expenses of the town for the year 1861.

For the support of paupers for the year,	589 37	
Expenses in detail No. 3,	3 51	
for bridges,	905 58	
for plank for bridges,	62 74	
damages on highways,	31 50	
repairs of highways,	416 14	
overwork on highways,	115 20	
sexton's bills,	30 50	
hearseman's bills,	39 00	
school-committee bill,	73 07	
assessors bills,	91 23	
selectmen's bills,	76 80	
sundry bills,	234 21	
interest money,	296 52	
		\$2965 37

S. D. COLE,	}	Selectmen of Coleraine.
S. N. WILSON,		
E. H. THOMPSON,		



FINANCES OF COLERAINE.

Selectmen's Report, 1862-3.

DETAIL NO. 1.

Finances of the town Feb. 24, 1862,

Balance in the treasury Feb. 1862,	\$10 00
Due from the Collector on the tax of 1861,	1858 90
In the hands of the school committee,	72 65
Tax of 1862,	6391 58
Paid from the State treasury for the burial of H. S. Emons,	5 00
Due from the United States for examining recruits,	33 50
Paid from the State treasury aid to soldiers' families,	55 05
Received from the State school fund,	73 08
	\$7499 76

DETAIL NO. 2.

Statement of expenses for paupers belonging to the year 1861.

Paid Goodwin Roberts,	\$219 76
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Expenses for paupers for the year 1862.

Paid Goodwin Roberts,	225 00
" C. T. Lyons medical attendance for Miss Tisdale,	11 00
" H. H. Winchester coffin for John Watson,	5 50
" Articles for Joel Swain,	1 73
" Horace Smith medical attendance for Louisa Wallace and child,	6 03
	\$249 26

There will be due Mr. Roberts the contractor on the 7th day of April next,	\$225 00
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DETAIL NO. 3.

Expenses for bridges for the year 1862.

Re-building the bridge at lower factory.

Riley Boyd for timber,	\$81 19
S. N. Wilson for "	33 73
Lyman Farley, " "	39 15
Homer Foot & Co. for iron,	54 28
Horace A. Smith, work,	1 50
H. O. Scott, "	1 33
B. Brown, "	5 00
N. F. Shippy, " "	8 00
D. L. Smith, " "	7 75
T. R. McGee, "	39 00
Emily Purrington, " "	11 90
T. D. Purrington, " "	9 00
C. L. Crouch, " "	13 12
R. A. Buck, " "	29 00
S. D. Cole, labor and timber and spikes,	26 10
Dennis Wilson,	7 50
Washers,	2 70
S. B. Buck,	1 00
S. Allens' Sons for iron,	1 34
	\$372 59

Tisdale Bridge.

Paid Anan Bass for timber and work,	23 51
" T. R. McGee for work,	12 25
" R. A. Buck, "	8 00
" Eleazer Stratton, iron, work,	50
" Dennis Wilson, timber and work,	9 59
" S. D. Cole,	3 00
	\$56 76

Fox Bridge.

Paid D. L. Smith,	11 23
" Hezekiah Smith,	5 00
" T. R. McGee,	4 00
" R. A. Buck,	4 00
" B. Brown,	1 25
" C. L. Crouch,	3 00
" S. D. Cole,	3 25
	\$31 73

Griswold Bridge.

Joseph Smith, timber,	1 00
J. T. Miller, labor,	2 00
S. D. Cole,	1 00
D. L. Smith,	1 25
	\$5 25
Bridges,	\$466 33

DETAIL NO. 4.

Overwork and repairing highways.

Paid Lewis Shearer,	61 83
" S. C. Avery,	3 00
" Aaron Franklin,	13 00
" E. B. Stewart,	15 00
" T. S. Lincoln,	5 00
" Amos Stewart, Jr.,	4 50
" David Nelson,	2 36
" Charles S. Hillman,	4 90
" Walter Bell,	2 00
" William Stewart,	1 50
" Calvin Lamphear,	3 00
" Jonathan Coombs,	4 50
" Seth M. Leonard,	1 80
" Joel Lombard,	9 25
" Anson Browning,	4 50
" Hezekiah Smith,	1 00
" J. M. Miller,	8 10
" Joseph S. Bell,	2 75
" M. M. Johnson,	16 45
" David Thompson,	5 00
" S. W. Wheeler,	15 00
" C. L. Carpenter,	4 50
" Austin Miner,	6 75
" A. P. Nelson,	5 74
" Asahel Warner,	2 04
" H. W. Miner,	4 46
" James Vincent,	1 25
" Joel R. Davenport,	13 00
" O. F. Morrison,	3 00
" S. R. Smith,	3 05
" Hugh McClellan,	2 25
" G. W. Miller,	24 65
	\$255 13

DETAIL NO. 5.

Plank and timber for bridges.

Paid	Wm. B. McGee,	1 60
"	Joseph Smith,	2 00
"	E. B. Stewart,	5 50
"	C. S. Hillman,	12 21
"	Wm. Stewart,	56
"	D. L. Smith,	9 70
"	John Wilson,	6 80
"	Calvin Lamphear,	1 00
"	Anson Browning,	2 86
"	Philo Marsh,	1 79
"	J. M. Miller,	6 90
"	Joseph S. Bell,	3 83
"	S. W. Wheeler,	4 17
"	C. L. Carpenter,	1 76
"	H. B. Miller,	66
"	James Vincent,	49
"	Joel R. Davenport,	2 30
"	S. R. Smith,	22
"	A. C. Smith,	2 70
"	G. W. Miller,	5 91
		\$72 97

DETAIL NO. 6.

Sundry Bills.

Paid	S. S. Eastman, printing school reports,	6 10
"	O. M. Gains, boarding soldiers,	37. 00
"	G. B. Denison, warning soldiers,	10 50
"	L. N. Brownell, carrying soldiers to Greenfield,	3 80
"	E. H. Thompson " " "	8 25
"	Deane & Sawyer, examining recruits,	6 00
"	C. T. Lyons, " "	25 00
"	Horace Smith, " "	27 50
"	H. B. Miller, railing highways,	22 52
"	S. D. Cole, paper,	1 00
"	Mr. Pratt for screws,	9 00
"	Davis & Lamb, services in pauper case,	5 00
"	S. D. Cole, stationary and postage,	1 50
"	Lewis Clark, damages on highways,	55. 00
"	Charles Russell, tolling bell and taking care of town hall,	5 00
"	Henry Sparks, teaming,	2 00
"	S. D. Cole's military account,	26 00
Amount carried up,		251 17

Amount brought up,	251 17
Paid Hugh McClellan	6 75
" Dennis Wilson	4 50
" Hugh McClellan, Revenue stamps,	1 50
" S. D. Cole	25
" A. C. Smith, spikes for bridges,	2 25
" Philo Marsh, articles for camp Miller,	1 37
" Horace Smith, vaccinating,	6 00
" School committee, for books,	3 06
" H. D. Mirick & Co., printing town reports,	15 00
" G. A. Arms & Co., iron for bridges not used,	8 97
Abatement of taxes for the year 1860,	24 59
Abatement of taxes for the year 1861,	27 31
Jesse Cone, liquor for bridge builders,	3 44
Jesse Cone, expenses paid,	7 30
	\$363 46

DETAIL NO. 7.

Town Officers' Bills.

Town Clerk and Treasurer—Jesse Cone,	37 85
Selectmen—S. D. Cole,	23 75
Hugh McClellan,	19 25
Dennis Wilson,	20 75
Assessors—A. C. Smith,	38 75
Wm. Stewart,	30 37
Nelson Peterson,	32 25
School Committee—O. B. Curtis,	21 68
Job R. Smith,	18 75
Otis J. Davenport,	25 50
Sextons—Perly Johnson,	4 00
Charles H. Steele,	2 50
Hugh B. Miller,	2 00
Hearseman—H. B. Miller,	14 00
Collector—R. Merryfield,	85 00
	\$376 40

DETAIL NO. 8.

Paid State tax,	1332 00
" County tax,	636 16
	\$2168 16

DETAIL NO. 9.

Interest Money.

Paid Franklin Savings Bank,	276 00
" Huldah Donelson,	6 75
" George Cary,	16 81
" Thomas Barber,	77 47
" Zenas Cary,	41 04
" Baxter Bordwell,	60 00
" William Manning,	12 00
	\$490 07
Paid outstanding orders,	407 00
	\$897 07

DETAIL NO. 10.

Apportionment of money for schools.

District No. 1,	78 02
" " 2,	50 89
" " 3,	40 96
" " 4,	57 74
" " 5,	57 92
" " 6,	46 33
" " 7,	67 63
" " 8,	98 70
" " 9,	60 09
" " 10,	37 65
" " 11,	42 54
" " 12,	93 05
" " 13,	39 34
" " 14,	88 06
" " 15,	54 39
" " 16,	42 22
" " 17,	119 09
" " 19,	28 02
	\$1102 64

There has been paid to teachers the sum of	668 68
Leaving a balance to pay teachers,	433 96

RECAPITULATION.

Means of the town from all sources as per detail	
No. 1,	\$7499 76

Expenses for paupers for the year 1861 as per detail No. 2,	219 76
Expenses for paupers for the year 1862 as per detail No. 2,	249 26
Expenses for bridges as per detail No. 3,	466 33
Overwork and repairing highways as per detail No. 4,	255 13
Plank and timber for bridges as per detail No. 5,	72 97
Sundry bills as per detail No. 6,	363 46
Town officer's bills as per detail No. 7,	276 40
State and County tax as per detail No. 8,	2168 16
Interest money and outstanding orders as per detail No. 9,	897 07
Money for schools as per detail No. 10,	1102 04
	\$6171 18
Available means of the town as per detail No. 12,	2586 38
	\$8757 56

DETAIL NO. 11.

Debts owing by the town.

Franklin Savings Institution,	3900 00
Note to Zenas Cary,	684 00
" Thomas Barber,	1182 03
" Newton Smead,	79 45
" Jane Dewey,	121 15
" Lucretia Thompson,	153 97
" William Manning,	200 00
" James Avery's heirs,	1000 00
Outstanding orders,	1176 56
	\$8497 16
	2586 38
	\$5910 78

Leaving a balance of five thousand nine hundred and ten dollars and seventy eight cents as the debt of the town.

DETAIL NO. 12.

To meet these demands there is in the hands of the Collector on the tax of 1862,	1201 90
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In the hands of the school committee,	72 65
Due from S. D. Cole, (money borrowed to pay bounties to soldiers),	200 00
Due from the state, money paid to families of volunteers,	874 61
In the treasury,	237 22
	\$2586 38

Ordinary expenses of the town for the year 1862.

For the support of paupers for the year 1862,	474 26
For bridges,	466 33
For repairing highways,	255 13
For plank for bridges,	72 97
Town officer's bills,	376 40
Sundry bills,	363 46
Interest money,	490 07
	\$2498 62

State aid to families of volunteers.

Paid previous to Feb. 20, 1862,	929 75
Received from the State treasury,	55 14
Sum due from the State,	\$874 61

There has been paid in bounties to volunteers,
and due them, \$6600 00

S. D. COLE, } Selectmen
HUGH M'CLELLAN, } of
DENNIS WILSON, } Coleraine.

REPORT.

The School Committee commence their Annual Report for the school year ending with March, 1863, by saying to the town that we think the general condition of the schools shows decided improvement, compared with years preceding.

There has been more care in the selection of teachers, by prudential committees. There has been less of parsimonious spirit manifested, and instead of hireing for the lowest price, without regard to adaptation and fitness for the position, we believe, the object more generally has been, to obtain the right kind of teachers and pay them accordingly. This, during the past year, with few exceptions, has been accomplished, and it has been a source of much gratification to find in so many districts the same teachers, employed throughout the year, a subject to which your attention was particularly called in our last report.

Of the importance of selecting suitable and competent teachers, those possessed of the required literary qualifications, of good moral character, with capacity to govern, and tact to communicate knowledge to others ;

Of the pernicious results of committing the care of young and tender minds, at the most important period of life, when the present training will be either for good or evil, to unskillful hands ;

Of the importance of education to all, and of the value of our common schools, pages have been written.

And we again urge upon every one, that consideration and attention due subjects of so great moment.

In order to present before you a more correct knowledge of the condition of our schools, we propose, briefly to notice the several districts in detail, although we must necessarily omit very much that might be profitable to consider, having so great a number of districts upon which to report.

DISTRICT No. 1.—Summer term was taught by Miss Temperance Cone. Length of school, 12 weeks; whole number of scholars, 19; average attendance, 15 1-2.

In this school there were some quite advanced scholars, particularly in grammar, great attention was given to analysis, which your committee think is important to make thorough grammarians. The general appearance was such that we place it among the first in town of summer schools. Scholars not absent or tardy, Carrie Field.

The winter term was commenced by Mr. W. M. Smith of Florida. Within a few weeks after the commencement the school was visited by the committee, to whom the teacher stated that he would as soon quit as remain through the term. We advised him, and thought perhaps he would go through, but after a short time, we were informed by the prudential committee that Mr. Smith had gone away, and from what he had said to himself and others in the district, he thought it quite unlikely that he would return. Under the circumstances, it being improbable that he would come back, we advised the employing of another teacher. He returned, but too late.

Miss Rebecca McGee was engaged for the remainder of the term, which was lengthened by subscription. Miss McGee is an excellent scholar and an experienced teacher. We were highly gratified with the appearance of her school, and record it as one of the best. Length of school, 14 weeks; whole number of scholars, 21; average attendance, 18.

DISTRICT No. 2.—Summer term by Miss Jennie S. Handy. Length of school, 10 weeks; whole number of scholars, 16; average attendance, 13 2-3. The good order, prompt recitations, neat writing and punctual attendance were conclusive evidence that teacher and scholars were interested in their business, and the school a profitable one.

Winter term by Miss Lovina R. Handy. Length of school, 6 weeks; whole number of scholars, 12; average attendance, 12. None of the scholars were absent a day. Hattie Donelson and

John Donelson neither absent or tardy. Although a short school, we believe the teacher endeavored to make the most of the time. We pronounce the school a good one.

DISTRICT No. 3.—Summer term by Miss M. M. Severance of Leyden. Length of school, 13 weeks; whole number of scholars, 17; average attendance, 13. This was among our best summer schools. The teacher had a wonderful faculty of filling up the time with lessons in Geography and useful recitations of poetry, taught the little ones by herself, without the use of books, thus making the time pass pleasantly and profitably. Not absent or tardy, Millard A. J. Miner.

Winter term by Miss Laureatta S. Shearer. Length of school, 10 weeks; whole number of scholars, 19; average attendance, 12. In this school we believe the teacher strove hard to interest her pupils. Miss Shearer is an old teacher and had taught before in this district, she was well liked. We regretted to notice, that for some cause, two of the best scholars, who attended in summer, were not present during the winter school, we refer to the Misses Legate from Halifax. Not absent or tardy, Ellis W. Miner and Millard A. J. Miner.

DISTRICT No. 4.—Both terms by Miss Lizzie N. Miller. Length of the summer school, 12 weeks; whole number of scholars, 15; average attendance, 14. Not absent or tardy Julia S. Thompson, Fanny S. Williams, Leticie L. Williams, Ella R. Moors, Laura M. Moors and Luty E. Picket. Length of winter school, 14 weeks; whole number of scholars, 21; average attendance, 18 1-3.

This school was a success, being of pleasant disposition, and governing by mild means, the teacher won the respect and affection of her pupils, who made rapid progress, under her charge. We predict for her a successful career in the school room. Not absent or tardy, Russell L. Thompson.

DISTRICT No. 5.—Both summer and winter terms by Miss Mira E. Thompson. Length of summer school, 8 weeks; whole number of scholars, 13; average attendance, 12. Not absent or tardy, Delia O. Fairbanks, Levi D. Fairbanks, Walter L. Jillson, and Linus Jillson. Length of winter school, 16 weeks; whole number of scholars, 22; average attendance, 16. We were much pleased with the school, especially in the summer. In the winter the school was larger and contained several quite advanced scholars. Good order and perfect recitations were the characteristics.

This was Miss Thompson's first school, yet we trust it may not be her last.

DISTRICT No. 6.—In this district both terms were taught by Miss Lucy P. Carpenter. Length of summer school, 12 weeks; whole number of scholars, 18; average attendance, 15. Miss Carpenter is another teacher of considerable experience, she gave satisfaction. Not absent or tardy, Lucy L. Nichols and Emma R. Nichols. Length of fall school, (there being no school in winter,) 14 weeks; whole number of scholars, 25; average attendance, 22.

DISTRICT No. 7.—Summer term was commenced by Miss Arabella Mather. Length of school, 6 weeks; whole number of scholars, 22; average attendance, 19 2-3. Miss Mather was rather young, and becoming somewhat discouraged, closed her school without consulting the committee, who are of the opinion, that with proper efforts and experience she would make a successful teacher. Not absent or tardy, Jennie E. Todd, Ida L. Thompson, Everett A. Pike, Eli A. Pike and Freddie L. Totman.

Miss Dorinda Carpenter of Shelburne was engaged in the fall, who, after a few weeks, was obliged to leave the school on account of ill health. We consider her a superior teacher, and have no doubt, had she been permitted to remain, the school would have been a profitable one. We learn Miss Carpenter has been engaged for another summer.

The remainder of the fall school was taught by Miss Salinda S. Patterson, who also taught the winter term. Length of Fall term, 8 weeks; whole number of scholars, 18; average attendance, 17. Length of winter school, 12 weeks; whole number of scholars, 24; average attendance, 20. Not absent or tardy in the fall, Martha Purrington, Willie Coombs and Freddie Totman. In winter Martha Purrington.

DISTRICT No. 8.—Summer term by Miss Salinda S. Paterson. Length of school, 16 weeks; whole number of scholars, 30; average attendance, 23 1-2. A teacher of much experience, having taught in town several years, and in this district several terms. The school was a good one. But few of the scholars were tardy during the term. Neither absent or tardy, Willis Johnson and Johnie E. Davenport.

Winter term by Mr. O. A. Wheeler of Halifax, Vt. Length of school, 12 weeks; whole number of scholars, 38; average attendance, 31.

Mr. Wheeler was much esteemed as a teacher, a spirit of harmony and union seemed to pervade the school, and commendable progress was made by the several classes. But one scholar was tardy during the term. Not absent or tardy, Celestia Davenport, Sarah Davenport, Frank Davenport, Elial Williams, Charles Davenport and Willis Johnson.

DISTRICT No. 9.—Summer term by Miss Maria L. Brown. Length of school, 12 weeks; whole number of scholars, 17; average attendance, 13 1-2.

The teacher endeavored to do her duty and the scholars showed evidences of advancement. Not absent or tardy, Emma T. Clemmons and Sabra Crosier.

Winter term by Miss Augusta C. Dunton. Length of school, 13 weeks; whole number of scholars, 21; average attendance, 16. This teacher, ever desiring the improvement of her scholars, labored constantly for their benefit, and the progress made fully repaid her efforts. Not absent or tardy, John E. Davenport, Carrol E. Davenport, Joel A. Lombard and Emma T. Clemons.

DISTRICT No. 10.—Summer term by Miss Isabella T. Cobb. Length of school, 8 weeks; whole number of scholars, 6; average attendance, 6. A small school, yet standing No. 1 for regular attendance. We trust other districts may imitate the example. Not absent or tardy, Carrie Dunnell, Luthera A. Bell, Fred D. Dunnell and Frank A. Dunnell.

Fall term by Miss Lucy A. White. Length of school, 11 weeks; whole number of scholars, 15; average attendance, 12. From what we saw of the school we judge it quite satisfactory. Not absent or tardy, Carrie J. Dunnell, Luthera A. Bell and Frank A. Dunnell.

DISTRICT No. 11.—Summer and winter terms by Mrs. Fanny Bowen Streeter. Length of summer school, 8 weeks; whole number of scholars, 11; average number, 8 1-3. Not absent or tardy, Lizzie Goodnow.

Winter school, length of 9 weeks; whole number of scholars, 11; average attendance, 7 6-7. Mrs. Streeter has taught in this district four successive terms with the best success. We believe the money was expended to good advantage.

DISTRICT No. 12.—Summer term by Mrs. Sophia P. Snow of Buckland. Length of school, 12 weeks: whole number of schol-

ars, 47 ; average attendance, 36 1-2. Mrs. Snow is an experienced and successful teacher, and the school was a good one.

Winter term by Mr. A. W. Ray of Wilmington, Vt. Length of school, 11 weeks ; whole number of scholars, 58 ; average attendance, 39 1-2. Near the commencement of the winter term, we felt that it were possible the school might not be as profitable as was desired, for the reason that the school house was not sufficiently large to accommodate the school, there were hardly seats enough for all of the scholars, every front seat as well as the others, were crowded. The children had to huddle around the stove, in warm or cold, for want of room. It was very uncomfortable, and under the circumstances, it could not be expected that as great progress would be made as with better accommodations. But it was thought best to try and get along through the winter, in the hope that, before another term of school, something would be done, either the present school house enlarged, or another built. In addition to this, near the close of the school, a spirit of insubordination was manifested by some of the older scholars, resulting in an affray, much to be regretted by every lover of good order. Your committee concluded, after a proper examination, that the teacher was justified in resorting to means used to enforce obedience and to quell the disturbance.

DISTRICT No. 13.—In this district there was but one term during the year, that in the winter, by Miss Isabella J. Shearer. Length of school, 11 weeks ; whole number of scholars, 13 ; average attendance, 9. In this school were observed, pretty good order, reading and spelling good, writing particularly neat and lessons well committed. We report it a very fair school. Not absent or tardy, Mary L. Browning and Horace S. Browning.

DISTRICT No. 14.—Both summer and winter terms by Miss Jennie S. Wilson of Shelburne Falls. Length of school in summer, 14 weeks ; whole number of scholars, 34 ; average attendance, 29 2-3. Not absent or tardy, Clara A. Winchester and Johnie E. Winchester.

Winter school, 13 weeks ; whole number of scholars, 41 ; average attendance, 34 1-2. Miss Wilson belongs to that class we call good teachers, pleasant in the school-room, yet firm, she readily obtains the affections of her scholars, and labors constantly for their advancement. With the majority of those attending the past year, the most satisfactory progress was observed. Not

absent or tardy, Hattie E. Brownell, Alice M. Brownell and Johnie C. Thompson.

DISTRICT No. 15.—Both terms by Miss Mary J. Darling of Leyden. Length of summer school, 13 weeks ; whole number of scholars, 23 ; average attendance, 18 5-7. Not absent or tardy, Mary E. Shearer. Length of winter term, 14 weeks ; whole number of scholars, 27 ; average attendance, 23 1-2. We note this as a good school. The good reading and spelling, the attention given to writing, the thorough discipline and the advancement made, do credit to both teacher and scholars. Your committee were particularly interested in the prompt and intelligent appearance of several scholars of African origin. We learn the same teacher has been engaged for another term.

DISTRICT No. 16.—Both summer and winter by Miss Diantha Dwight. Length of summer school, 12 weeks ; whole number of scholars, 14 ; average attendance, 11 1-3. Not absent or tardy, Rachel F. Maxam, Mary E. Churchell, Lizzie E. Hillman and Irving S. Walden.

Winter school, 12 weeks ; whole number of scholars, 14 ; average attendance, 12 5-6. Not absent or tardy, Mary E. Churchell. Another of our experienced teachers, and the selection a wise one.

DISTRICT No. 17.—The summer and winter terms by Miss Mary A. Woodward of Buckland. Length of summer school, 10 weeks ; whole number of scholars, 43 ; average attendance, 31 1-2. Not absent or tardy, Ardelia King and Alice Baldwin. Fall and Winter, 18 weeks ; whole number of scholars 49 ; average attendance 34 2-3.

Miss Woodward is a teacher of much experience, and has fully sustained her reputation as a very successful teacher. Her schools were marked for good order, application and progress.

DISTRICT No. 18, has no organization, having been discontinued.

DISTRICT No. 19.—But one term in this district, that, in the winter, by Miss A. Amelia Smead of Shelburne. Length of school, 11 weeks ; whole number of scholars, 6 ; average attendance, 4 2-3. Here the services of an experienced teacher were procured, and by the good order, thoroughness of recitations and general advancement made by the scholars, our most sanguine expectations were realized.

In the Report of last year much was said in regard to irregular attendance and tardiness. We felt then, as we now do, that they are serious obstacles to the success of any school. Yet, the evil still exists, to a great extent, and it is to parents alone that we look for the remedy. That scholars should make successful progress in their studies, and keep with their classes, who are frequently absent from their place, is utter impossible, and parents do their children great injustice who permit them to remain away, a portion of the time, from school. Your committee have placed in the Report the names of those scholars who have been neither absent or tardy during a term of the past year, for their encouragement, and for the purpose of inducing others to regular attendance.

We would say in conclusion, that it is a source of regret that parents manifest so little interest, in regard to the state and prosperity of our schools. They are yet too indifferent to the progress of their children, in knowledge. They do not visit the school-room as often as they should, to witness the ability and management of the teacher. In every department of business, you visit your laborers to see if the work is well done. None are allowed to work week after week and month after month, but your school-teacher, without your inspection. You ought, by frequent visits, to know the progress your children are making in their studies, and thus by your presence and encouragement, cheer and animate both teacher and scholars. It is necessary that you co-operate with the teacher in order to have the school what it should be. The benefits of school depend, in a great measure, on the good feeling and respect of the scholar for the teacher, and parents should endeavor to promote in the scholar right feelings towards the teacher. Would parents impress upon the minds of children the idea that they must render strict obedience to the requirements of their teacher, we believe that there would rarely be trouble in school, and little necessity for resorting to harsh measures in governing schools.

O. J. DAVENPORT,	} School Committee.
O. B. CURTIS,	
J. R. SMITH,	

COLERAINE, April 2, 1863.

FINANCIAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OF COLERAINE,

FOR 1863 & 1864.



GREENFIELD:

S. S. EASTMAN & CO., JOB PRINTERS.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

DETAIL NO. 1.

Balance in the Treasury, Feb. 1863,	237 22
Due from the collector on taxes of former years,	1201 90
Tax of 1863, \$6780 49 less the discount \$322 69,	6457 80
Rec'd from the state treasury aid to soldiers families,	564 63
“ school fund,	73 63
“ treasury military bounties,	6400 00
“ town of Charlemont military bounty,	100 00
Military bounty tax,	2527 76
Unexpended balance of dog tax,	11 30
Borrowed of L. Manning,	600 00
“ E. S. Merriam,	400 00
	\$18574 24

DETAIL NO. 2.

Statement of expenses for Paupers for the year 1862.

Paid Goodwin Roberts, the contractor,	\$225 00
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Expenses for 1863.

Paid Goodwin Roberts,	200 00
“ Horace Smith for medical attendance on G. Fuller,	7 75
“ “ “ Mr. Fratenberg,	6 03
Paid Horace Smith for medical attendance on Mary Wallace	
and Miss Tinkham,	12 67
Paid C. T. Lyons for medical attendance on Miss Tisdale,	13 00
“ Funeral expenses of Mrs. Brown,	10 78
	\$475 23

There will be due Mr. Roberts on the 8th day of April	
next,	\$200 00

DETAIL NO. 3.

Expenses for bridges for the year 1863.

City Bridge.

Paid	D. L. Smith, timber and labor,	9 00
"	T. R. McGee, labor,	5 06
"	A. W. Snow, "	4 00
"	S. B. Buck, propping up bridge,	2 00
"	H. B. Miller, timber and labor,	3 10
"	D. S. Pierce, timber,	6 13
"	R. A. Buck, labor,	1 00
"	A. C. Smith, nails,	42
"	G. Roberts, labor,	8 62
"	E. H. Thompson, labor,	1 25
		\$40 58

Rebuilding Griswoldville bridge.

Paid	Lewis Johnson, timber,	\$51 32
"	Mrs. E. Purrington, timber,	5 77
"	D. L. Smith, timber,	2 00
"	A. W. Snow, labor,	17 00
"	S. B. Buck, "	17 50
"	G. Cary, "	6 92
"	D. W. Johnson, "	5 25
"	D. L. Smith, labor and board,	34 20
"	C. Vincent & Son, labor,	50
"	J. Griswold, nails,	57
		\$141 03

Shattuckville bridge.

Paid	G. Cary, stone work,	2 62
"	D. L. Smith, stone work,	11 75
		\$14 37

Brook bridge below Griswoldville.

Paid	G. Cary,	1 50
"	D. L. Smith,	1 50
		\$3 00

Newton bridge.

Paid	A. W. Snow, labor,	6 00
"	S. B. Buck, "	6 00
"	D. L. Smith, " and iron,	17 55
"	H. Smith, timber,	12 60
"	L. Graves, iron,	1 18
		\$43 33

Brown Bridge.

Paid J. Wilson, labor and timber,	11 35
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Smead Bridge.

Paid A. W. Snow, labor,	2 00
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Tisdale brook Bridge.

Paid J. Wilson, labor and timber,	5 72
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Brook bridge near J. Bell's place.

Paid R. Smith & Son, labor,	10 00
“ “ timber and plank,	6 00

 \$16 00

Bridges,	\$277 38
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DETAIL NO. 4.

Expenses for Green-River Road.

Paid A. A. Prouty, labor,	1 75
“ G. Stewart, “	3 75
“ J. G. Martin, “	2 50
“ A. Shearer, “	2 00
“ L. Shearer, “	3 00
“ A. Stewart, jr., “ and timber,	38 96
“ A. Browning, labor,	1 25

 \$53 21

DETAIL NO. 5.

Expenses of new road.

Paid D. L. Smith, labor,	55 75
“ C. S. Hillman, labor,	16 25
“ G. Cary, “	21 67
“ G. York, “	15 30
“ J. B. Clark, “ and board,	53 04
“ W. A. Russell, labor,	10 62
“ E. B. Smith, “	30 00
“ H. A. Scott, “ and timber,	52 00
“ D. W. Johnson, “	21 75
“ J. Griswold, powder,	25
“ L. Graves, iron work,	1 02

 \$277 65

DETAIL NO. 6.

Damages on highways.

Paid John Legate,	18 00
“ L. Nims,	6 00
“ W. E. Canady,	3 00
“ Mr. Franklin,	1 50
	\$28 50

DETAIL NO. 7.

Repairing highways.

Paid S. B. Buck,	1 50
do A. U. Sparks,	4 25
do R. A. Buck,	4 50
do C. & J. Vincent,	4 50
do J. Wilson,	3 50
do A. W. Snow,	1 50
do J. B. Clark,	19 22
do J. Coombs,	3 75
do Miner & Shearer,	5 00
do B. P. Brown,	3 00
do C. Curtis,	2 25
do C. S. Hillman,	6 00
do J. Charter,	1 25
do S. W. Wheeler,	15 90
do H. W. Miner,	6 87
do G. R. Brown,	3 00
do D. D. Dunnell,	17 00
do J. R. Davenport,	9 25
do G. Roberts,	7 00
do J. S. Bell,	25 27
do J. Milo Miller,	3 00
do A. A. Prouty,	3 50
do H. B. Miller,	1 50
do J. D. & S. W. Burrington,	3 25
do J. D. Burrington,	2 50
do A. B. Nelson,	6 20
do H. McClellan,	2 43
do H. B. Miller,	3 79
do T. R. Megee,	75
do S. D. Handy,	8 70
do David Nelson,	1 25
do E. H. Thompson,	7 25
do W. Coombs,	2 77
do Rominor Smith & Son,	6 07
do L. Spurr,	5 25

Paid H. H. Winchester,	1 00
do J. P. Sturtevent,	2 52
do A. L. Thomas,	3 00
do T. E. Williams,	10 80

\$220 04

DETAIL NO. 8.

Expenses in the case of Petersham vs. Coleraine.

Paid E. H. Thompson's bill,	28 58
do S. N. Wilson's "	20 30
do S. D. Cole's "	23 39
do D. L. Smith's "	96 68
do A. Stewart, jr., "	4 50

\$173 45

DETAIL NO. 9.

Plank and timber for bridges.

Paid J. Wilson,	50
do J. Milo Miller,	1 82
do G. Cary,	3 20
do D. S. Pierce,	7 98
do Griswoldville Manufacturing Co.,	3 70
do D. L. Smith,	4 00
do E. C. Harris,	3 45
do S. W. Wheeler,	4 28
do H. B. Miller,	50
do J. R. Lyons,	1 50
do G. Roberts,	14 62
do S. D. Cole,	5 02
do S. C. Avery,	2 60
do Estate of A. Lyons,	46
do C. O. Donelson,	5 61
do J. Markam,	5 65
do J. B. Clark,	3 00
do A. L. Thomas,	63
do S. N. Wilson,	2 07
do D. Nelson,	8 10
do D. A. Denison,	60
do E. H. Thompson,	1 06
do Rom. Smith & Son,	6 78
do L. Spurr,	24 92
do J. P. Sturtevant,	7 70
do T. E. Williams,	4 20

\$123 95

DETAIL NO. 10.

Sundry Bills.

Paid	S. S. Eastman for reports,	14 50
"	G. Roberts, funeral charges of Mr. Seaver and Stetson,	10 00
"	H. B. Miller, express and blanks,	1 50
"	L. Clark, repairing town screws,	1 50
"	C. Russell, care of town hall,	5 50
"	O. M. Gaines, board of men,	5 12
"	E. H. Thompson, self and team to Guilford,	2 50
"	" postage and revenue stamps,	92
"	" team and man to go to L. Jilson's,	1 00
"	S. D. Cole, attending to bounty business,	75
"	Wm. Messenger, money expended,	10 00
"	D. L. Smith, stamps,	58
"	D. L. Smith, preambulating town line,	2 00
"	J. Cone, cash paid for printing town report,	10 00
"	" rebellion record books,	6 75
"	T. R. McGee, repairing seats in town hall,	1 00
"	H. B. Miller, preambulating town line,	2 00
"	J. Cone, express, postage and sundry bills,	13 57
"	A. L. Thomas for washers,	1 20
"	R. Merrifield, sundry bills,	8 37
"	J. Cone, government license for town agent,	20 00
		\$118 76

DETAIL NO. 11.

Bills of former years.

Paid	A. Bass, repairing highway,	5 00
"	H. A. Rice, iron work,	3 36
"	E. Shearer, repairing highway,	1 50
"	Griswoldville Manufacturing Co. timber and plank,	10 98
"	A. L. Thomas, washers,	5 44
"	I. Tisdale, repairing highway,	5 50
"	Wm. Coombs, repairing highway,	1 65
		\$33 43

DETAIL NO. 12.

Town officers' Bills.

Paid	Selectmen—E. H. Thompson,	24 00
"	" D. L. Smith,	25 75
"	" A. Stewart, jr.,	16 10
		\$65 85

Paid Assessors—H. B. Miller,	35 50
“ “ S. D. Handy,	32 00
“ “ L. Spurr,	30 00
	\$97 50
“ Treasurer—J. Cone, services as treasurer and paying state aid,	25 00
	\$25 00
“ Clerk—J. Cone, services town clerk,	19 65
	\$19 65
“ School Committee—H. Smith,	10 50
“ “ O. J. Davenport,	16 50
“ “ J. R. Smith,	15 00
	\$42 00
“ Sextons—G. W. Jepson,	1 00
“ “ D. A. Denison,	15 00
“ “ D. L. Smith,	11 00
“ “ P. Johnson & Son,	14 25
“ “ C. H. Steel,	85
	\$42 10
“ Hearse bill—H. B. Miller,	43 00
	\$43 00
“ Collector—W. W. Cary,	75 00
	\$75 00
	\$410 10

DETAIL NO. 13.

Military Account.

Paid A. Stewart, jr.,	4 50
“ E. H. Thompson,	3 00
“ D. L. Smith,	4 50
“ H. B. Miller,	18 50
	\$30 50

DETAIL NO. 14.

Paid State Tax,	1776 00
“ County Tax,	743 25
“ State Military Bounty Tax,	2525 40
	\$5044 65

DETAIL NO. 15.

Interest Money.

Paid Zenas Cary,	41 04
“ Baxter Bardwell, executor,	60 00

Paid Franklin Savings Institution,	87 00
“ Thomas Barber,	13 72
“ William Manning for 1862,	12 00
“ “ for 1863,	11 17
“ S. D. Cole,	60 00
“ Franklin Savings Institution,	207 00
	\$491 93

DETAIL NO. 16.

Abatement of Taxes.

Abatement of former board of Assessors,	62 62
do present do do taxes of 1859,	1 00
do do do do do 1860,	1 50
do do do do do 1861,	7 25
do do do do do 1862,	6 46
do do do do do 1863,	59 91
	\$138 74

DETAIL NO. 17.

Military Bounties.

Paid H. M. Peterson,	107 07
do E. J. Wilson,	105 62
do A. White,	26 85
do V. D. Thompson,	86 27
do Franklin Savings Institution,	4120 00
do H. McCloud,	5 21
do A. P. Nelson,	52 37
do J. Wallace,	97 85
do L. Jilson,	108 55
do D. Jilson,	108 55
do S. C. Jilson,	108 55
do W. H. Stone,	108 22
do E. L. Sprague,	118 97
do L. E. Call,	108 11
do C. Stetson,	59 36
do H. Purrington,	36 40
do J. L. Clark,	108 80
do E. P. Browning,	108 12
do J. T. Avery,	86 52
do H. McLellan,	103 10
do J. W. Carpenter,	108 50
	\$5872 99

DETAIL NO. 18.

Apportionment of School Money.

District No. 1,	64 07
“ “ 2,	50 94
“ “ 3,	45 42
“ “ 4,	54 53
“ “ 5,	55 81
“ “ 6,	55 04
“ “ 7,	69 54
“ “ 8,	94 25
“ “ 9,	56 86
“ “ 10,	35 80
“ “ 11,	42 25
“ “ 12,	102 05
“ “ 13,	36 17
“ “ 14,	103 85
“ “ 15,	53 10
“ “ 16,	37 13
“ “ 17,	121 09
“ “ 19,	26 97
	\$1104 84

There has been paid to teachers,	783 09
Leaving in the hands of the Treasurer to pay teachers,	321 75

DETAIL NO. 19.

Ordinary Expenses of the Town for 1863.

Support of paupers,	475 23
Expense of bridges,	277 38
“ Green River Road,	53 21
“ New Road,	277 65
Damage on highways,	28 50
Repairing Highways,	209 24
Plank and Timber,	119 75
Town Officers' Bills,	409 10
Interest money,	491 93
Sundry Bills,	98 76
	\$2440 75

Note to S. D. Cole,	1000 00
“ “ E. Cole,	207 00
“ “ G. Cary,	412 18
“ “ T. Barber,	1178 55
“ “ W. Manning,	200 00
“ “ J. Avery's estate,	1000 00
“ “ Z. Cary,	684 00
“ “ N. Smead,	79 45
“ “ T. Barber,	67 75
“ “ E. S. Merriam,	400 00
“ “ L. Manning,	600 00
“ “ F. Thompson,	158 91
“ “ J. Cone,	96 16
“ “ I. Dewey,	63 41
“ “ Franklin Savings Institution,	2900 00
	\$9047 41
Outstanding order of former years,	607 09
“ “ past year,	136 64
	\$743 73
	\$9791 14
The means of the town to meet these demands on money in the treasury,	1145 03
In the hands of the collector,	100 00
“ “ school committee,	69 91
Balance due from the state—aid paid to families of volunteers in 1862,	177 60
Due from the state—aid paid to families of volunteers in 1863,	1808 82
Due from the state—aid paid to families of volunteers in 1864,	230 00
Due from the United State for examining soldiers,	33 50
Due the town for money paid in the case of Petersham vs. Coleraine,	173 45
	\$3738 31
Leaving the debt of the town	\$6052 83

E. H. THOMPSON, }
D. L. SMITH, } Selectmen of
AMOS STUART, JR., } Coleraine.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE
TOWN OF COLERAINE,

Ending March 7, 1864.

GREENFIELD:
S. S. EASTMAN & CO., JOB PRINTERS.
1864.

REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS:—The School Committee begin their Annual Report for the school year ending with March, 1864, by saying that with few exceptions, our schools for the past year have been profitable ones, and that the interest in education is gradually advancing throughout the town.

Your attention, last year, was particularly called to the subjects of procuring the “right kind” of teachers, and regular and punctual attendance by the scholars. These suggestions have, we believe, generally been heeded, and many of the districts have kept the same teachers through the year, which in some degree accounts for there being so little disturbance and few failures among our schools the past year.

In addition to the summer and winter schools, there have been two select schools in the fall, one taught by Mr. Wheeler of Halifax, Vt., the other by Miss Dorinda A. Carpenter of Shelburne, in district No. 7. Both schools were large, and the progress made by the scholars justifies us in the above assertion, that “the interest in education is gradually advancing throughout the town.”

We do not propose at this time to give you an elaborate report, but to briefly state in detail the progress of each district.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

The summer term was taught by Miss Mary H. Hanforth of Greenfield. Length of school, three months. Whole number of scholars, 16; average attendance, 11 24-59. Neither absent or tardy, Margie W. McClallen.

The winter term was taught by Miss Mary A. Wilson of Shelburne. Length of school, 10 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 20; average attendance, 18. Neither absent or tardy during the term, Margie W. McClallen, Helen E. McGee, Henry Coombs, Robbie Coombs, Eddie Coombs, and James Henry.

The summer school in this district failed to reach the standard of perfection that we had anticipated, owing in some degree to a want of interest on the part of the scholars, and a lack of discipline on the part of the teacher. The winter school, with a lady of decision and experience as teacher, was more successful. This school contains some quite advanced scholars, and ought to stand number first in scholarship.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

The summer term was taught by Miss Lauraetta S. Shearer.

Length of school, 2 5-8 months. Whole number of scholars, 16 ; average attendance, 13 2-5. Neither absent or tardy during the term, Hattie J. Donelson, Ella E. Warren, Carrie E. Shearer, Annie F. Bell, Orravilla L. Nelson, Arabell L. Nelson, Laura A. Nelson, Etta Bell, John J. Donelson, and Joel L. Prouty.

The winter school was taught by the same teacher. Length of school, 10 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 13 , average attendance, 11 11-13. Neither absent or tardy during the term, Hattie S. Donelson, Annie F. Bell, Orravilla L. Nelson, Arabella E. Nelson, Laura A. Nelson, and John J. Donelson.

Miss Shearer is a teacher of excellent qualifications and large experience. She understands how to interest her pupils, which we think accounts for the punctuality that characterizes this school. The lessons were thoroughly learned and promptly recited ; some very neat specimens of writing.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Summer term was taught by Miss Desire E. Gates of Leyden. Length of school, three months. Whole number of scholars, 14 ; average attendance, 12. Neither absent or tardy during the term, Henrietta S. Wheeler. In this school there seemed to be harmony existing between teacher and scholars, and all engaged in their business.

The winter term was taught by Miss Lauraetta S. Shearer. Length of school, two months. Whole number of scholars, 16 ; average attendance, 13. Neither absent or tardy, Millard A. Miner, Ellis W. Miner. Although a short school, yet we believe it was a profitable one.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Summer term, by Miss Mira E. Thompson. Length of school, three months. Whole number of scholars, 15 ; average attendance, 13. Neither absent or tardy during the term, Julia S. Thompson, Ellen R. Moor, Lura M. Moor, Delia O. Fairbanks, Adelbert S. Atherton, Levi D. Fairbanks, Frank S. Moor, and Charles J. Moor. This school appeared well, and retained its former reputation for punctuality, more than half of its numbers not receiving a single absent mark.

Winter school, by Miss Elizabeth W. Ballard of Charlemont. Length of school, three months. Whole number of scholars, 17 ; average attendance, 14 7-12. Neither absent or tardy, Charlie J. Moor. Miss Ballard seemed to win the esteem and confidence of her scholars, which resulted in a successful school.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Summer term was taught by Miss Martha A. French of Jack-

sonville, Vt. Length of school, 2 1-2 months. Whole number of scholars, 13; average attendance, 11 63-110. Neither absent or tardy during the term, Sarah A. Yaw, Augusta A. Stowe, Emma A. Donelson, Elsie M. Donelson, and Walter L. Jilson. Miss French is a thorough scholar and an experienced teacher. We were much pleased with her method of teaching. The school was marked by good order, thoroughness, perseverance and punctuality, which with these qualities will always ensure success.

The winter term was commenced by Miss Lucy L. Purrinton of New York, and when visited by the Committee, we judged that the school would be both pleasant and profitable. But the teacher becoming tired and discouraged, on account of the persistent disregard of order by some of the largest scholars, left the school at the close of the ninth week. The remainder of the school was taught by Miss Mary Anna Thompson, who being one of *our* experienced teachers, succeeded very well. Whole number of scholars during the term, 21; average attendance, 17. Neither absent or tardy, Emma A. Donelson, Elsie Donelson, and Augusta A. Stow. Length of both schools, 15 weeks.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Summer term was taught by Miss Lucy E. Flagg. Length of school, three months. Whole number of scholars, 20; average attendance, 17 1-2. Neither absent or tardy during the term, Lucy L. Nichols, Emma R. Nichols, Eleanor Jepson, Alminia B. Jepson, Eveline M. Jepson, Mary E. Jepson, Adelia C. Day, Addison W. White, and Albert E. Day. This, we believe, was Miss Flagg's first school, and the discipline was not as thorough as we could wish, yet she is a fine scholar, and with a little more experience we think will make one of our first-class teachers.

The winter term was taught by Miss Sybil A. Toby of Buckland. Length of school, 14 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 18; average attendance, 14 7-13. Neither absent or tardy during the term, Elinor F. Jepson, Betsey A. Jepson, Eveline M. Jepson, and Caroline A. Day. Here was another young and inexperienced teacher, yet we report it as a very fair school.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Summer term was taught by Miss Dorinda A. Carpenter of Shelburne. Length of school, three months. Whole number of scholars, 23; average attendance, 21 65-66. Neither absent or tardy during the term, Ellen Wilson, Mattie Purrinton, Lucy White, Eli Pike and Everett Pike; and all the tardy marks that were recorded in this district during the term, were only three. The sys-

tem and general management of this school, in order to be appreciated must have been witnessed. Suffice it to say that it was a decided success, and we do not hesitate in pronouncing it as the *first* among the summer schools. Miss Carpenter is a teacher of rare attainments and experience. Her school was lengthened by subscription in the autumn. We understand Miss Carpenter is secured as teacher in this district this summer.

The winter term was taught by Miss Lizzie N. Miller. Length of school, 14 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 22; average attendance, 20 5-63. Neither absent or tardy, Ellen E. Wilson, Norman W. Pike and Eli A. Pike. Great credit is due this district in taking unwearied pains in procuring the right kind of teachers, and in frequently visiting the school, as the advancement made by the scholars will abundantly prove. The interest of the summer and autumn schools was well sustained in winter by Miss Miller, who is another of our model teachers.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

The summer term was taught by Miss Rhoda C. Purrinton of Buckland. Length of school, 14 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 30; average attendance, 24 19-70. Neither absent or tardy, Sarah H. Clark, Lizzie Clark, Willie Johnson, and Johnny Davenport. Miss Purrinton won the affections of her scholars, who under her supervision made good progress, which was both creditable to teacher and scholars.

mainly The winter term was taught by Mr. O. A. Wheeler of Halifax, Vt. Length of term, nine weeks. Whole number of scholars, 34; average attendance, 32. Neither absent or tardy during the term, Eugene Thomas, Levi Call, George Pierce, Whiting Cary, Zorah Scott, George Russell, Willie Johnson, Sarah Cary, Viola Cary, and Sarah Lester. Mr. Wheeler taught in the same district the preceding winter. Seldom do teachers stand higher in the estimation of their scholars, or better understand the art of teaching, than does Mr Wheeler. Thoroughness, good order and punctuality, were the prominent characteristics of this school.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Summer term was taught by Miss Julia E. Hartwell of Charlemont. Length of school, three months. Whole number of scholars, 11; average attendance, 8 2-11. Winter term, by Miss Diantha Dwight. Length of school, nine weeks. Whole number of scholars, 24; average attendance, 19 5-14.

This school bore favorable testimony to the good qualifications of both teachers, yet in both schools there seemed to be a great

lack of punctuality on the part of the part of the scholars, which will prove detrimental to the interest of any school.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Summer term was taught by Miss Fanny Bowen Streeter. Length of school, nine weeks. Whole number of scholars, 7; average attendance, 6 38-49. Winter term, taught by Miss Eva C. Smith. Length of school, 10 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 10; average attendance, 7 17-56.

This school was small, yet a good degree of interest was manifested by both teachers and scholars, and a reasonable amount of advancement made.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

Summer term was taught by Miss Diantha Dwight. Length of school, two months. Whole number of scholars, 12; average attendance, 10 1-2. Neither absent or tardy during the term, Lizzie M. Goodnoe, Lizzie E. Dwight, Daniel J. Dwight, Malery P. Davenport, Lilian E. Davenport, Herbert A. Davenport, Noah S. Roberts, and Porter A. Roberts.

Winter term was taught by the same teacher. Length of school, 10 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 16; average attendance, 11 14-55. Neither absent or tardy during the term, Malery P. Davenport, Daniel J. Dwight, Lizzie M. Goodnoe, Lizzie E. Dwight, Herbert A. Davenport, and Lilian E. Davenport. Miss Dwight is another of our experienced teachers, having taught in town for several years. Her pleasant disposition, thorough discipline, and devotion manifested for the welfare of her pupils, fits her for the important position of teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

Summer term, by Miss Mary E. Rankin of Shelburne Falls. Length of school, three months. Whole number of scholars, 50; average attendance, 41. Neither absent or tardy, Eva A. Johnson, and Mary E. Johnson. This was our largest summer school, and we think too difficult for a teacher of no more experience than Miss Rankin had had, yet we believe she endeavored to discharge her duties faithfully, and will make one of the first class teachers eventually.

Winter term was taught by Miss Rosa Merrill of Shelburne Falls. Length of school, three months. Whole number of scholars, 52; average attendance, 40 1-2. Neither absent or tardy during the term, Eva Johnson, Mary E. Johnson, and Eddie Smith. This was a very large school, consequently the labors of the teacher were arduous. But the good order and thorough recitations that

prevailed, convinced us that Miss Merrill understood her avocation, and that the school was a success.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

Only one term, and that in winter, taught by Miss Delia E. Wilson of Shelburne. Length of school, three months. Whole number of scholars, 4; average attendance, 3 109-120. Neither absent or tardy, Horace Browning and Mary L. Browning. This school was very small, yet the teacher strove to interest her scholars, and fill up the time profitably. Order was good, lessons well committed and promptly recited. The writing was decidedly neat.

DISTRICT NO. 14.

Summer term was taught by Miss Lizzie N. Miller. Length of school, three months. Whole number of scholars, 34; average attendance, 28. Neither absent or tardy, Emma J. Lyons, Mary J. Smith, John W. Thompson, and Warren Denison. This school was quite large, yet Miss Miller well sustained her former good reputation as a teacher.

The winter school was taught by Mr. Herbert C. Clisbee of Guilford, Vt. Length of school, 10 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 41; average attendance, 34. Neither absent or tardy, Robert Miller and Henry E. Russell. Mr. Clisbee we think labored faithfully for the advancement of his scholars, yet having a large school, and being quite young, his labors proved too arduous, and he was obliged to leave his school on account of sickness.

DISTRICT NO. 15.

Summer term, by Miss Mary Darling of Leyden, who also taught both terms in this district last year. Miss Darling is a thorough teacher, and possesses the faculty of interesting her pupils. Whole number of scholars, 17; average attendance, 14 53-65. Length of school, three months. Neither absent or tardy, Loella L. Leonard, Sarah E. Miner, Iantha S. Townsend, Sarah A. Leonard, Moses P. Staunton, Wesley G. Leonard, and Charles D. Miner.

Winter term, by Miss Desire E. Gates of Leyden, who taught in an adjoining district the summer term, and we think endeavored to make her school successful and profitable. Whole number of scholars, 29; average attendance, 21 7-22. Length of school, three months. Neither absent or tardy, Iantha S. Townsend.

DISTRICT NO. 16.

Summer term was commenced by Miss Maria L. Brown, and promised well, but at the expiration of three weeks, she was obliged to leave the school on account of failing health. The remainder of the term was taught by Miss Velaria D. Thompson. Length

of school, three months. Whole number of scholars, 12; average attendance, 8 5-6. Neither absent or tardy, Mary E. Churchill and Rachel F. Maxan. Miss Thompson succeeded well, and gave good satisfaction.

Winter term was taught by Miss Isabel J. Cobb. Length of school, two months. Whole number of scholars, 14; average attendance during the term, 12 1-4. Neither absent or tardy, Henry L. Maxan, Hardy E. Maxan, and Mary E. Churchill. This was a short school, yet we believe a profitable one.

DISTRICT NO. 17.

Summer term was taught by Miss Mary A. Thompson. Length of school, three months. Whole number of scholars, 36; average attendance, 30 1-2. Neither absent or tardy during the term, Alice L. Baldwin, Eva M. Norton, and Willie Vincent. Here the teacher labored hard to do her duty. But the school being large, and the scholars "crooked and perverse," she became almost overwhelmed with her trials, yet she went through.

The winter term commenced under the direction of Arthur A. Smith, who, having seen "rebels" before, was enabled to bring them to speedy terms of "loyalty." The marked progress made in the several studies, the good order that characterized the school, justifies us in reporting it as one of the first in town. Length of school, three months. Whole number of scholars, 32; average attendance, 26 5-8. Neither absent or tardy during the term, Erastus Booth.

DISTRICT NO. 18.

But one school—the winter term—taught by Miss S. P. Smead of Greenfield. Length of school, three months. Whole number of scholars, 6; average attendance, 4 7-60. Neither absent or tardy, Katie A. Sweney. Here was another small school, yet one of the most profitable in town. Seldom do we see schools where *all* seem so earnestly engaged in their studies, and where the teacher possessed the faculty of filling up the time with useful explanations in the different branches, as in this school.

In conclusion, we would say that we are gratified to see so much improvement in regular and punctual attendance this year over preceding ones; yet there is chance for much greater improvement, particularly in the large schools, where the evil is most prominent. This should not be the case, and were scholars' minds impressed with the importance of acquiring an education while young, by their parents and guardians, this trouble would soon be greatly diminished.

"Knowledge is power," and never was there a period in the world's history when this statement was more truthfully verified than at the present. There has been, and is now, a great call for young men to defend the liberties of these free institutions, and you feel perhaps justified, under the present pressure of help, in keeping scholars from school occasionally; yet remember that however much you gain by the personal labor of the scholar, you also tend to make him, by such absences, forfeit his standing in his classes, and he is disqualified from advancing with the requisite speed and accuracy. He forms habits of irregularity, and soon becomes listless or discouraged, disorganizes the school, and grievously adds to the labors and vexations of the teacher.

Another evil which is quite prominent among our schools, is the habit of crowding scholars over the first rudiments, to the higher branches, too rapidly. This is an error, and should not exist. Teachers and scholars are too frequently eager to have it said, "We have been through the book," when in many instances, the scholars could not answer questions in the fundamental rules. Scholars should be made thoroughly acquainted with the first principles, and then advance accordingly. Were this the case, there would be less who, as they return to school from term to term, have to spend a considerable part of the time in reviewing what they have already superficially been over.

Much has been said in previous Reports, upon the selection of teachers. This is a very important subject to be considered. The importance and responsibility of the office of teacher, is sadly undervalued. There is perhaps no position in business, where a person needs to thoroughly understand their duties, more than that of teacher. And in the first place, the teacher should be able to govern himself (or herself,) if they expect to succeed in managing well a school. Simply giving out lessons and hearing them recited, giving little or no explanation upon the different subjects, is not discharging the duty of a teacher. They should illustrate the intricate questions, and know that their pupils thoroughly understand what they are studying; should insist upon scholars becoming independent thinkers, and prohibit this pernicious habit of their "asking to speak or leave their seats," the result of which is disorder and disturbance to the teacher and the school generally.

Finally, may the time speedily come when parents, teachers and scholars will take a deeper interest in our schools, and when this once happy country shall close this fratricidal war, its soldiers again return to their homes and firesides, "their swords be turned into plowshares and their spears into pruning-hooks," and with a liberal education to all, for its corner-stone, stand as a monitor to the past and a beacon light to all succeeding generations.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

O. J. DAYENPORT,	} School
J. R. SMITH,	
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Committee.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF COLERAINE,

Ending March 6, 1865.



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REPORT.

FELLOW-CITIZENS OF COLERAINE:—In accordance with the requirements of law, we appear before you as a committee to present our Annual Report for the school year ending March 31, 1865. Your committee deem it to be a matter of congratulation that notwithstanding the excitement and anxiety consequent upon war, and the heavy taxes resulting therefrom, the interests of education have not been neglected, and that our schools have been as successful as in former years; and also that one-fifth more money has been voted for their support for the ensuing year, than for the past. The statute under which your committee act, in presenting this report, evidently requires that some definite information be given by which the town may judge, to a certain extent, of the relative excellencies or defects of the teachers, and of the schools under their charge. This may be beneficial to both teachers and scholars, by exciting in them a wholesome competition for excellence. No teacher is supposed to be retained whose defects totally unfit them for the business. Therefore, in all cases in which defects are alluded to or inferred, the excellencies of the teacher are supposed to more than balance the defects.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FOR 1864-65.

Population of the town in 1860, - - - -	1798
Number of schools, - - - -	18
Number of scholars attending school under 5 years, -	17
“ “ “ “ “ 15 years, -	81
Whole number attending school in winter, - - -	405
“ “ “ “ in summer, - - -	316
Average wages of male teachers, including board, \$30 00	
“ “ female “ “ “ \$19 29	

DISTRICT NO. 1.

The summer school was under the charge of Miss Lizzie N. Miller. Length of school, 10 weeks; whole number of scholars, 20; average attendance, 14 45-49; not absent or

ooster tardy—Margie W. McClallen, Helen E. McGee and Carrie Field.

Miss Miller's earnest endeavors to discharge her duties faithfully, have earned for her the reputation she so richly deserves, viz., a first class teacher. Good order was the every day rule in this school.

The winter term was taught by J. M. Miller. Length of school, 9 weeks; whole number of scholars, 21; average attendance, 17 8-9. Neither absent or tardy—Margie W. McClallen, S. B. Johnson, E. W. Coombs and C. B. Roberts.

The condition of this school was not fully satisfactory to the committee. There appeared to be manifest a spirit of disorder and insubordination, which was a great injury, and there seemed also a want of that respect and co-operation which is so necessary for the success of a school. But notwithstanding this, we believe that the teacher labored hard, and most of the scholars made fair progress.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Book The summer term was taught by Miss Lottie Smead. Length of school, 2 months and 18 days; whole number of scholars, 12; average attendance, 9 2-5. Neither absent or tardy—Anna F. Bell, O. L. Nelson, A. E. Nelson and L. A. Nelson. This school was Miss Smead's first experience in teaching, but the school made rapid progress under her tuition, which speaks well for her future success.

Miss Lovina K. Handy had charge of this school in the winter. She is a faithful and experienced teacher. The school was a good one, and marked progress was made. Length of school, 2 months; whole number of scholars, 15; average attendance, 12 1-4. Neither absent or tardy, Hattie S. Donelson, Orreville L. Nelson, Arabell E. Nelson, John J. Donelson and Asa O. Nelson.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Miller The summer term was taught by Miss Ada M. Marcy of Leyden. Length of school, 3 months and 4 days; whole number of scholars, 9; average attendance, 7. Neither absent or tardy—Hattie E. Miller, Mary E. Wheeler and Millard A. Miner. Miss Marcy seemed to win the respect and confidence of her scholars, which resulted in a successful school.

Winter school by Miss Lauraetta S. Shearer. Length of school, 2 months and 2 days; whole number of scholars, 15; average attendance, 12 3-4. Not absent or tardy—

Hattie E. Miller. The fact that Miss Shearer has been employed in this school for a number of terms, and by different prudential committees, is sufficient proof that her labors have been acceptable to those who have employed her, and the general good order and rapid progress of this school is a forcible argument in favor of continuing a good teacher in the same school from year to year.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

The summer term was taught by Miss Mira E. Thompson. Length of school, 3 months; whole number of scholars, 12; average attendance, 10 47-50. Not absent or tardy—Addie O. Fairbanks, Charlie J. Moore, Frank Taft. Good order, correct deportment and a good degree of interest and enthusiasm in teacher and scholars were not wanting in this school; consequently good progress in the various studies.

Miss Lizzie N. Miller was employed for the winter term. Length of school, 2 months and 4 days; whole number of scholars, 14; average attendance, 12 3-4. Not absent or tardy—Ellen S. Thompson, Julia S. Thompson, Addie O. Fairbanks, Lizzie A. Jackson, Russell L. Thompson, Isaac D. Smead, Adelbert S. Atherton, Levi D. Fairbanks and Charlie J. Moores. The general good order and rapid progress made by this school, are abundant proof of what we have already asserted of Miss Miller's success in teaching. When visited by the committee, we saw gratifying evidences of thoroughness in every department and of the ability and application of both children and instructor.

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DISTRICT NO. 5.

The summer term was taught by Miss Ellen S. Thompson. Length of school 2 1-2 months; whole number of scholar, 7; average attendance, 6 1-6. Neither absent or tardy—Emma A. Donelson, Elsie M. Donelson. Although a small school, yet a good degree of interest was manifested and the school was a profitable one.

Spencer

The winter term was taught by Miss Nellie L. Denison of Leyden. Length of school, 2 1-2 months; whole number of scholars, 18; average attendance, 17 11-25. Neither absent or tardy during the term—Emma A. Donelson, Elsie M. Donelson, Linus A. Jillson and Walter L. Jillson. The closing examination was a good one, which spoke well for both teacher and scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Miss Sybil A. Toby had charge of the summer school. Length of term, 3 months; whole number of scholars, 23; average attendance, 17 1-3. Not absent or tardy during the term—Elinor F. Jepson, Lucy L. Nichols, Minnie B. Jepson, Evaline M. Jepson, Mary E. Jepson and Emma Nichols. We noticed a marked improvement in this school during the past year.

The winter term was taught by Miss Jennie S. Wrinkle of Vermont, who was a firm, faithful and efficient teacher, and the school at the examination at its close, maintained itself in a highly creditable manner. Fortunate indeed, is the district that obtains so good a teacher. Length of school 3 months; whole number of scholars, 35; average attendance 25 1-2. Neither absent or tardy—Jennie R. Nichols, Lucy L. Nichols, Carrie A. Day, Emma R. Nichols, Minnie B. Jepson, Evaline M. Jepson, Mary E. Jepson, Millard Nichols, Albert E. Day and Edward Houghton.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Wilson Hill

This school was taught by Miss Dorinda A. Carpenter of Shelburne, both summer and winter. Length of school in summer, 2 1-4 months; in winter, 2 1-2 months; whole number of scholars, 26; average attendance 21 23-30. Neither absent or tardy during the summer term—Mattie Purinton, Jennie Totman, Florence Hawks, George Purinton, Eddie Pike and Everett Pike. Winter term—Mattie Purinton, Ellen Wilson, Jennie Totman and George Purinton. We shall be permitted to call this a model school. To say that the teacher has done well is not enough. Here is a school of the very highest standard known in our town, and this in every respect. The closing examination of this school was most satisfactory to all present, and left but little, if anything, to be desired. "To know is glorious, but to feel mental power glowing within you, born of many difficulties, grappled with many conquests achieved, and much drill endured, this is joy superior," Where all was so good, it seems needless to specify. There were scholars that had attended school nineteen weeks, and spelled each day, without missing a single word, but the spelling was no better than many of the recitations.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Miss Mary A. Richardson of Montague, had charge of this school during the summer term, who did her duty faithfully

and with good success. The order was good, and good progress was made in all the branches. Miss Richardson was taken ill the next day after closing school, and lived but two weeks. Though dead she yet speaketh in the remembrance which all who knew her cherish, of her estimable character. Length of school 3 months; whole number of scholars 35; average attendance, 28.

The winter term was taught by Miss Kate Wells Browning of Rowe. Length of school 3 1-4 months. Whole number of scholars, 45; average attendance; 35 4-65. Neither absent or tardy—Sarah E. Cary, Julia Thomas, Sarah Clark and Viola E. Cary. This was one of our largest schools, therefore the labors of the teacher were very arduous, but she devoted herself unsparingly to her work, and with kind manners soon won the affection of her scholars, who, in most cases, shared in her enthusiasm, and good progress was made in all the branches. Singing was a very attractive element of this school, not only as an accomplishment, but in its influence on the moral feelings of the children. The examination at the close gave abundant evidence of thoroughness, and of the application of both teacher and pupils.

Fremont

DISTRICT NO. 9.

The summer term of this school was taught by Miss Lucy E. Flagg, who endeavored to discharge her duties faithfully. The school was small and the term short, yet a reasonable amount of advancement was made. Length of school 2 1-2 months; whole number of scholars, 10; average attendance, 8 1-2. Neither absent or tardy, Ada E. Donelson, and Sarah H. Donelson.

The winter term was taught by Miss Mary O. Brooks of Rowe. Length of school 2 months; whole number of scholars, 21; average attendance, 15 7-40. Neither absent or tardy—George Stratton. Miss Brooks is a thorough, able, efficient teacher, and although the term was short, the school was a successful one.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

The summer term was taught by Miss Isabel J. Cobb, who has taught several terms in this school, giving good satisfaction. Length of school 2 months; whole number of scholars, 8; average attendance, 7. Neither absent or tardy—Luthera Bell and Fred Dannels.

Fall term by Miss Eva C. Smith. Length of school, 2 1-4 months; whole number of scholars 12; average attendance, 9 3-4. Not absent or tardy—Fred Dunnell, Frankie A.

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Dunnell and Carrie J. Dunnell. Good order characterized the school, and a good degree of interest was manifested by the teacher and scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

The summer term was taught by Miss Fanny B. Streeter, who is an experienced teacher. Length of school 1 1-2 months; whole number of scholars 9; average attendance 8 5-6. Good order and thoroughness were the order of the day. Neither absent or tardy—Simon B. Myers, Lizzie Goodnow, Lillie Davenport, Mallory Davenport, Daniel Davenport, Lizzie Dwight and Herbert Davenport.

Fall school by Miss Streeter and Miss Lydia Kingsley of Munroe. Length of school, 18 weeks; whole number of scholars, 11; average attendance, 9. Miss Streeter has taught in town several times, and a number of terms in this district.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

Both summer and winter terms were taught by Miss Maria A. Merrill of Shelburne. Length of summer school 4 1-4 months; whole number of scholars, 40; average attendance, 30 4-17. Not absent or tardy—Lilla H. Farley and Clara M. Call; length of winter school, 2 1-2 months; whole number of scholars, 49; average attendance, 39 1-2. Neither absent or tardy Lilla Farley and Effie Kendrick. This was the largest school in town—too large to be profitably attended to by one teacher, and the house too small to comfortably accommodate so many, nevertheless the school made evident advancement, under Miss Merrill's superintendence, who is one of our best teachers.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

Only one term, and that in winter, was taught by Miss Clara M. Shattuck. Length of school 3 months; number of scholars 15; average attendance 4 2-3. Though one of the smallest in numbers, yet the committee would judge that it was well conducted, and that application and interest were not wanting.

DISTRICT NO. 14.

The summer school of this district was taught by Miss Lizzie Hardy of Shelburne, who was a superior teacher. The order was the very best, and the closing examination told how thoroughly the work had been done. Length of school, 3 months; whole number of scholars, 34; average

attendance, 27. Neither absent or tardy—Jennie E. Buck, Hattie E. Brownell, Addie S. Buck, Alice M. Brownell, Fena Sparks, Clara A. Winchester and Abbie J. Hastings.

The winter term was taught by Miss Ada F. Patrick of Conway; length of school 2 months and 3 days; whole number of scholars, 32; average attendance, 25 53-86. Not absent or tardy—Henry Russell and John Winchester. Miss Patrick was one of our best scholars and most thoroughly educated for teaching and scholarly ability. But notwithstanding this, the school came far short of the perfection we anticipated. This failure has been caused, we think, in part by a lack of discipline on the part of the teacher, from absences, tardiness and of getting excused at recess, on the part of the scholars, and a want of co-operation on the part of the parents. We think there should be a most hearty co-operation with the teacher, here especially, and a higher standard of order and attainments encouraged.

DISTRICT NO. 15.

Both summer and winter by Miss Lauraette S. Shearer. The school flourished finely under her charge, and Miss Shearer fully sustained her reputation as one of our best teachers. Length of summer school, 3 months; whole number of scholars, 20; average attendance 15 2-3. Not absent or tardy. Sarah J. M. Townsend and George W. Leonard. Length of school in winter, 1 month and 12 days; whole number of scholars, 31; average attendance, 27 2-3. Neither absent or tardy—Truly Stanton and Lura I. Stanton.

DISTRICT NO. 16.

This school was under the charge of Miss Dientha Dwight, both summer and winter. Length of summer school 2 months; whole number of scholars, 11; average attendance, 9 7-16. Neither absent or tardy—Hardy E. Maxam, Rachel F. Maxam and Mary E. Churchill. Length of school in winter, 3 months and 2 days; whole number of scholars, 20; average attendance, 14 1-3. Not absent or tardy—Mary E. Churchill and Arvilla A. Merrifield. Miss Dwight is a teacher of large experience and thorough discipline, always winning the esteem and confidence of her pupils, which results in a pleasant and profitable school.

DISTRICT NO. 17.

Miss Mary E. Severance of Shelburne had the care of this school during the summer, she is an experienced and successful teacher and the school made good progress under her

supervision. Length of school 2 3-4 months; whole number of scholars, 30; average attendance, 26.

The winter term was commenced by J. R. Smith, who left on account of ill health. The remainder of the term was taught by Arthur A. Smith. They are both experienced, able and efficient teachers, and their labors were attended with success. Length of school, 3 months; whole number of scholars, 30. Not absent or tardy—Jane E. Shippee, Frank Prouty and Miles Shippee.

DISTRICT NO. 18.

This district had but one term of school and that in the winter—was taught by Miss Mary E. Severance of Shelburne, who fully sustained her former reputation as a good teacher. Length of school, 3 months; number of scholars, 5; average attendance, 4 1-2.

Besides our public schools, we have had one select school taught by Miss Elizabeth S. Hardy of Shelburne, which was quite large and very successful.

Our teachers have generally engaged in their work not merely from a sense of obligation, but also from a fondness for teaching, and have been desirous of improvement, seeking the best methods of instruction and discipline, and the greatest possible results from their labors. As a consequence the minds of the scholars have been occupied with their studies, and they have prized the advantages and opportunities of the school room.

EXAMINATION OF SCHOOLS.

It is expected there will be a public examination of each school near its close, and that an opportunity will then be offered to parents, guardians and all other friends of education, to visit the schools and mark the progress that has been made. If they would visit the schools oftener, they would be better qualified to judge of the worth or worthlessness of teachers, and be better prepared to select those who are what they would wish their children to become; for like produces like, no less in the mental and in the moral, than in the physical world.

EXAMINATION OF TEACHERS.

We suppose that it is generally known that the regular days for examining teachers in Coleraine, are the first Monday in May and the first Monday after our annual Thanksgiving. Notwithstanding this arrangement, the committee

are often put to the trouble, and the town to the expense, of a second, and sometimes a third examination. We would suggest to prudential committees the importance of having the teachers all present on the regular days for examination, and thereby save the expense of a second or third meeting. In this connection we would say, that no teacher has a right to open a school, or exercise any authority over a scholar without a certificate of their qualifications from the school committee. Sometimes teachers trust to former certificates; but it should be understood that no certificate can be good for but one year, and the committee can write them for but one term if they see fit. We do not mean to say that the law requires that a teacher who may be employed term after term, and year after year in the same town, should necessarily be examined every term, but we do say that they should apply for a certificate, and the committee can require an examination as often as they shall think proper. We would say in conclusion, that the amount of good to be derived from our common schools depends very much upon the amount of interest manifested by the parents. The best teachers cannot of themselves make a model school, without the hearty co-operation of the parents to encourage them and animate the scholars. If you would have your schools prosper, visit them often—you cannot prize them too highly. What would Massachusetts have been without them. It is to them, more than anything else, that she owes her present prosperity, and her proud position before the world. She was the first State in all the world to provide by a direct tax on all her inhabitants for a free school for her children, and as she has sown so now she reaps. Her ideas and opinions are exerting a powerful influence both at home and abroad. Her sons and daughters have gone forth to every land—her statesmen are respected—her soldiers honored and her citizens called to fill responsible positions. All this and much more, do we owe to our public schools. Let us therefore labor faithfully to remit them unimpaired to our children, that “wisdom and knowledge may be the stability of our times.”

O. J. DAVENPORT,	}	School
H. SMITH,		Committee.

FINANCES OF COLERAINE.

Selectmen's Report, 1864-5.

DETAIL NO. 1

Balance in the treasury Feb. 1864,	\$1545 03
In the hands of the School Committee,	60 94
Tax of 1864, 13878,70—less the discount, 722,42	13156 28
Received from the State treasury, aid in soldiers' families,	1942 00
Received from the State school fund,	81 00
" " " treasury to balance accounts,	308 70
" " United States for recruiting in 1864.	105 00
	\$16798 95

DETAIL NO. 2

Expenses for purposes for the year 1863.

Paid Goodwin Roberts, the contractor,	\$206 00
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Expenses for 1864.

Paid Goodwin Roberts,	\$25 00
" C. T. Lyons for medical attendance on D. Green,	21 25
" " " " on Miss E. Tisdale,	10 75
" " " " on J. Fairbanks,	11 00
" Horace Smith " " on Mrs. Brown,	4 00
" " " " on C. Green,	2 50
" " " " on Mrs. Tinkham,	12 62
" " " " on Geo. Jeff,	8 25
" Arad Nichols, nursing Joshua Fairbanks,	37 00
	\$167 37

There will be due Mr. Roberts on the 30th day of April next,	\$373 37
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DETAIL NO. 3.

Expenses for Bridges for the year 1864.

BROWN BRIDGE.

Paid C. S. Hillman, labor and timber,	\$42 05
" T. R. McGee, labor,	17 95
" L. Stratton, iron work,	5 00
	\$65 00

PIERCE BRIDGE.

Paid Morris Pierce,	\$22 00
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LOWER BRIDGE.

Paid D. L. Smith,	\$2 00
	\$89 00

DETAIL NO. 4.

Repairing Highways.

Paid L. B. Stewart,	\$16 08
" H. W. Miner,	8 10
" L. F. Shearer,	6 08
" E. B. Smith,	2 72
" M. M. Johnson,	8 22
" Amos Stewart, Jr.,	2 50
" Myrtle McGee,	2 05
" S. B. Buck,	3 00
" E. J. Wilson,	4 37
" H. McClallen,	75
" O. F. Morrison,	1 50
	\$55 37

DETAIL NO. 5.

Plank and Timber for Bridges.

Paid E. B. Smith,	12 10
" L. B. Stewart,	12 00
" Morris Pierce,	8 03
" H. W. Thompson,	5 75
" E. J. Wilson,	4 50
" R. Miller,	3 35
" H. W. Miner,	2 40
" R. S. Fairbanks,	24 60
" D. S. Pierce,	7 60

Paid S. D. Cole,	1 76
" Joseph Vincent,	2 64
" J. R. Davenport,	2 11
" D. S. Pierce,	7 60
" I. Smead,	4 00
	\$08 43

DETAIL NO. 6.

Damages on Highways.

Paid Jacob Sherman,	\$100 00
" C. G. Herrick,	45 00
" J. M. Miller,	25 00
" David Thompson,	18 00
" L. C. Lynde,	6 18
" Jacob Sherman,	3 50
" A. B. Nelson,	12 50
	\$210 18

DETAIL NO. 7.

Railing Highways.

Paid H. B. Miller,	\$75 46
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DETAIL NO. 8.

Sundry Bills.

Paid E. H. Thompson for recruiting in 1863,	150 00
" D. L. Smith, " "	30 00
" Amos Stewart, Jr., " "	6 00
" Jesse Cone, express, postage, and expenses paid,	9 23
" C. Russell, tolling the bell and taking care of Town Hall,	6 50
" J. H. Smith, visiting schools and writing school report,	6 50
" H. McClallen, entombing the body of E. Seaver,	2 00
" H. B. Miller, advertising in Wm. Canady's case,	2 50
" E. H. Thompson, time and expense to Boston,	20 00
" E. H. Thompson, filling the quota of 1862,	40 00
" S. S. Eastman, printing school report,	17 00
" S. S. Eastman, printing town report,	17 79
" A. C. Smith, nails,	88
" B. B. & T. J. Noyes, bolts,	1 63
" O. B. Curtis, writing,	1 50

Paid H. Smith, soldier business,	2 00
" D. L. Smith, services as agent,	25 00
" Nancy Jones, by D. L. Smith,	70 00
" Abatement of taxes for the year 1864,	266 40
" Dea. Maxam, for surveying W. Bell's road,	1 00
" H. B. Miller, services in S. Estas' case,	1 00
" George S. Shaw, for lamp,	1 25
" S. D. Cole, postage, paper and revenue stamps,	7 20
" S. D. Cole, time and expense to Boston twice,	37 00
" O. F. Morrison, postage,	11
	\$731 49

DETAIL NO. 9.

Town Officer's Bills.

Paid Jesse Cono, services as clerk,	29 17
" Jesse Cono, services as treasurer and paying State aid,	49 57
	\$78 74
Paid Selectmen—S. D. Cole,	26 25
" O. F. Morrison,	21 00
" H. McClallen,	21 75
	\$69 00
Paid Assessors—D. S. Pierce,	49 05
" William Coombs,	40 00
" S. H. Atherton,	40 00
	\$129 05
Paid School Committee—O. J. Davenport,	20 25
" H. Smith,	12 50
" D. W. Snow,	5 25
	\$38 00
Paid Sextons—D. L. Smith,	39 00
" D. A. Denison,	14 50
" M. M. Johnson,	10 50
	\$64 00

Paid Hearsemen—H. B. Miller,	38 00
“ D. L. Smith,	2 00
Paid Collector—Charles Wilson,	80 00
	\$498 79

DETAIL NO. 10.

Account for Recruiting.

Paid S. D. Cole,	812 50
“ O. F. Morrison,	34 75
“ H. McClallen,	3 00
	\$850 25

Paid H. B. Miller's bill as agent at the Provost Marshal's Office,	23 50
“ Stamps and stationery,	9 53
	33 03

DETAIL NO. 11.

Paid State tax,	\$1776 00
“ County tax,	696 80
	\$2472 80

DETAIL NO. 12.

Debts Paid.

Paid Franklin Savings Institution,	\$2900 00
“ Zenas Cary,	729 14
“ Newton Smead,	534 31
“ S. D. Cole,	1174 22
“ Thomas Barber,	1575 27
“ George Cary,	429 56
“ James Avery's heirs,	1060 00
“ Eunice Cole,	252 14
“ Ester S. Merriam,	421 26
“ James Carpenter, bounty note,	108 40
“ Henry Cromack,	114 18
“ Interest money,	377 24
	\$9675 72

DETAIL NO. 13.

Apportionment of School Money.

District No. 1,	\$68 05	District No. 10,	\$39 93
" " 2,	51 29	" " 11,	41 01
" " 3,	40 53	" " 12,	98 57
" " 4,	54 66	" " 13,	35 78
" " 5,	49 92	" " 14,	97 92
" " 6,	59 49	" " 15,	49 89
" " 7,	63 10	" " 16,	36 77
" " 8,	108 70	" " 17,	116 19
" " 9,	55 53	" " 18,	27 74
			\$1095 07
There has been paid to teachers			\$998 44
Leaving in the treasurer's hands to pay teachers,			96 63

DETAIL NO. 14.

Ordinary expenses of the Town for 1864.

For the support of paupers,	\$538 92
For bridges,	89 90
For plank for bridges,	98 43
For repairing highways,	55 37
Town officers' bills,	498 79
Sundry bills,	731 49
Interest money,	377 24
Damages on highways,	210 18
Account for recruiting,	50 25
Railing highway,	75 86
H. B. Miller's bill as agent and stamps,	33 03
	\$2759 46

DETAIL NO. 15.

Paid bounties to volunteers,	\$5375 00
" State aid to families of volunteers in 1864,	2424 80
	\$7809 80

DETAIL NO. 16.

Demands against the Town.

Note to Franklin Savings Institution,	2900 00
" Thomas Barber,	1575 27
" S. D. Cole,	1174 22

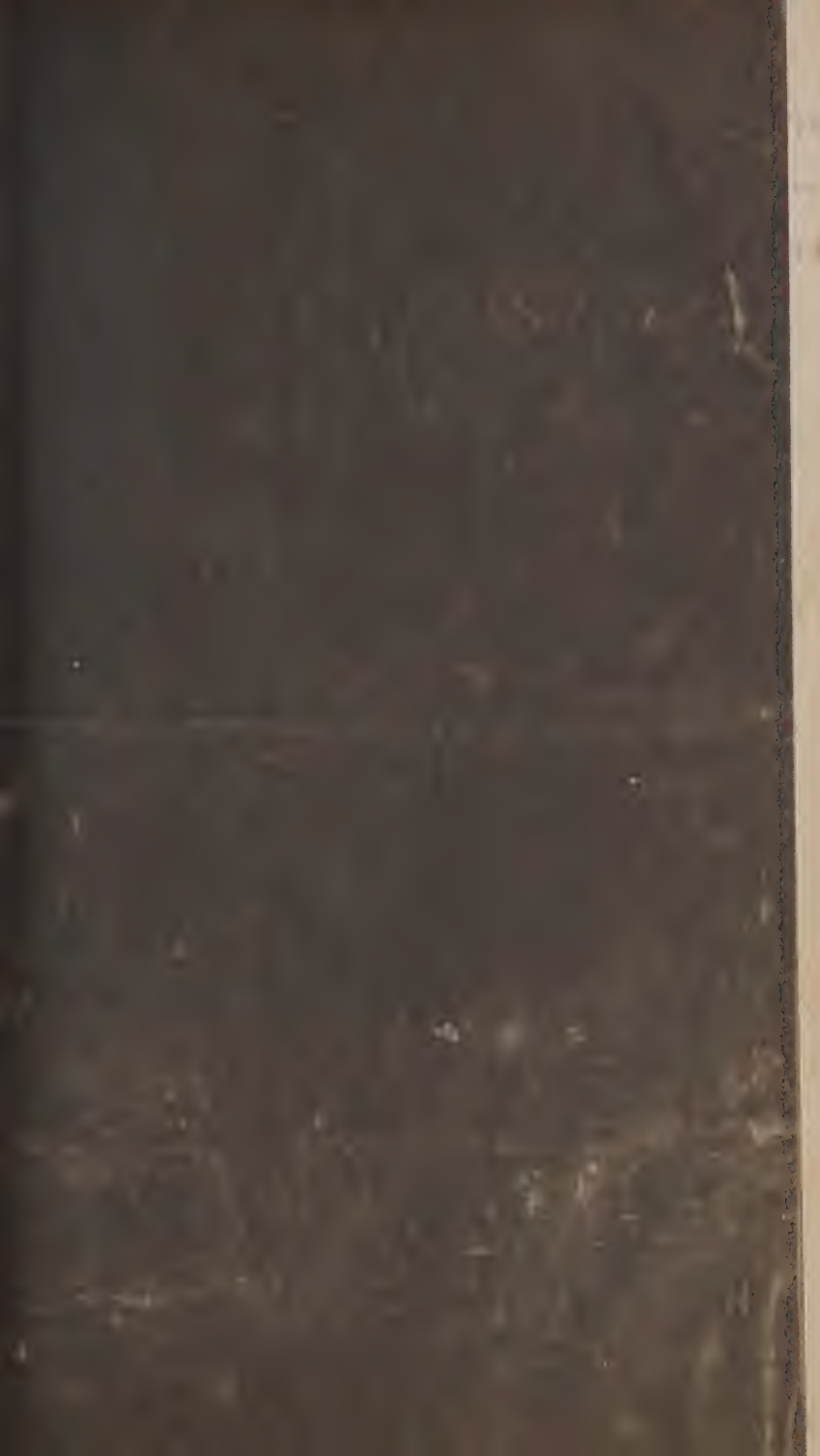
Note to Eunice Cole,	252 14
" Zenas Cary,	650 00
" O. M. Gains,	300 00
" H. A. Howard,	200 00
" Ester S. Merriam,	400 00
" Job R. Smith,	332 75
" Laura Manning,	400 00
" "	200 00
" Fanny Thompson,	158 91
" D. L. Smith,	200 00
" Jesse Cone,	96 16
" Shelburne Falls Bank,	1500 00
Outstanding orders,	705 00
	\$11794 45

The means of the town to meet these demands are :

Money in the treasury,	\$2538 06
In the hands of the school committee,	69 91
Due from the State, aid to families of volunteers paid in	
1864,	2434 80
Due from the State, aid to families of volunteers paid in	
1865,	452 00
Due from the United States for examining soldiers,	33 50
Due the town for money paid in the case of Petersham	
vs. Coleraine,	173 45
Money deposited with the State Treasurer,	625 00
	\$6326 72
Leaving the debt of the town,	\$5467 73

S. D. COLE,	} Selectmen
O. F. MORRISON,	
W. MCCLALLEN,	
	} of
	} Coleraine.

Coleraine, Feb. 27, 1865.



*Return to Mrs. John M. Brown
Coleraine
Mass.*

FINANCES OF COLERAINE.

Selectmen's Report, 1864-5.

DETAIL NO. 1.

Balance in the treasury Feb. 1864,	\$1245 03
In the hands of the School Committee,	69 91
Tax of 1864, 13878,79—less the discount, 722,15,	13156 64
Received from the State treasury, aid to soldiers' families,	1842 03
Received from the State school fund,	81 65
“ “ “ treasury to balance accounts,	208 70
“ “ United States for recruiting in 1863,	195 00
	\$16798 96

DETAIL NO. 2.

Expenses for paupers for the year 1863.

Paid Goodwin Roberts, the contractor,	\$200 00
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Expenses for 1864.

Paid Goodwin Roberts,	225 00
“ C. T. Lyons for medical attendance on C. Green,	21 25
“ “ “ “ on Miss C. Tisdale,	13 75
“ “ “ “ on J. Fairbanks,	14 00
“ Horace Smith “ “ on Mrs. Brown,	4 50
“ “ “ “ on C. Green,	2 50
“ “ “ “ on Mrs. Tinkham,	12 67
“ “ “ “ on Geo. Jeffs,	8 25
“ Arad Nichols, nursing Joshua Fairbanks,	37 00
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\$225 00

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	\$55 37

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“ L. B. Stewart,	12 00
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“ E. J. Wilson,	4 50
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S. D. COLE,	} Selectmen of Coleraine.
O. F. MORRISON,	
H. M'CLALLEN,	

Coleraine, Feb. 27, 1865.



FINANCES OF COLERAINE.

Selectmen's Report, 1865-6.

DETAIL NO. 1.

Balance in the Treasury Feb. 1865,	\$2,533,06
In hands of School Committee,	69,91
Tax of 1865, \$15,638,49, less discount, \$764,61,	14,873,88
Received State Aid,	2,000,00
" State School Fund,	88,56
Borrowed of O. B. Kindrick,	1,000,00
Received on account of Subscriptions,	560,00
" from State Corporation Tax,	18,45
" balance of money deposited with State Treasurer,	375,00
	\$21,523,86

DETAIL NO. 2.

Expenses of Paupers for 1865.

Paid for Coffin for Bonnett child,	\$5,50
" Funeral expenses of F. Green,	22,00
" " " D. Hodge,	12,75
" Mr. Roberts for 1864,	225,00
" " " 1865,	310,81
" Medical Attendance to Miss Tisdale,	27,30

Paid Medical Attendance to Isabell Mather,	15,00
" " " Antis Wood,	1,50
" " " F. Green,	8,00
" " " D. Hodge,	4,00
" " " J. Bonnett,	2,50
" " " Mrs. Tinkham,	4,25
" " " C. Porter,	2,75
" " " Mont. Woodard,	21,00
	\$662,36

There will be due Mr. Roberts, according to contract,
on the 8th day of April next, the sum of \$214,19

DETAIL NO. 3.

Expenses for Bridges for the year 1865.

Adamsville Bridge,	\$81,44
Hillman do	7,40
Morrison do	14,50
Lyons do	42,15
Fox do	12,75
Dewey Brook do	6,50
Pierce do	3,75
City do	233,30
Lower do	31,75
Branch Mill do	12,50
	\$446,04

DETAIL NO. 4.

Over work on highways,	\$76,89	
Timber and plank for roads and bridges,	168,05	
Railing highways, other than Green		
River road,	50,61	295,55
Expenses of Green River road, railing		
and labor,	60,17	
Repairing Green River road,	136,38	
Plank and timber for Green River road,	25,85	
Removing Ice on Green River road,	65,46	287,86
		\$583,41

DETAIL NO. 5.

Damage on Highways.

Paid A. P. Nelson,	\$80,00
" B. B. Fairbanks,	200,00
" David Houghton,	10,00
	\$290,00

DETAIL NO. 6.

Sundry Bills.

Paid B. B. & T. J. Noyes, repairing Hearse,	\$1,00
" Dr. Forbes, reporting births,	1,00
" R. A. Buck, labor on Smead Bridge,	,50
" Liquor Agent's license,	30,00
" C. Russell, for care of Town House,	7,00
" H. Smith, perambulating town line,	5,00
" Cash for Express,	1,00
" J. Maxam, surveying road,	,50
" S. D. Handy, perambulating town line,	4,00
" D. L. Smith, " "	7,77
" " " Stamps and Postage,	2,45
" Selectmen's bill for making return to State Charities,	5,00
" J. B. Clark, repairing mountain road,	2,50
" Dr. Smith, reporting births,	4,50
" H. B. Miller, making returns,	3,75
" For Stationery for Assessors and Collector,	6,00
" Expenses for box, digging grave and removing the body of Mr. Seaver,	6,00
" Express and Postage,	1,17
" Printing School Reports,	23,00
" Selectmen's Report,	17,00
	\$129,14

DETAIL NO. 7.

Town Officer's Bills.

Clerk and Treasurer's bill,	\$83,21
Selectmen's bill,	84,00

Assessor's bill,	111,00
School Committee's bill,	57,75
School Committee of former years' bill,	8,36
Collector's bill,	80,00
Sexton's bill,	58,00
Sexton with Hearse,	43,00
	\$525,32

DETAIL NO. 8.

Money refunded by reason of errors in the Tax of 1864,	\$159,62
Money paid for refunding Corporation Tax,	337,19
	\$496,81

DETAIL NO. 9.

Paid Bills of former years,	\$47,66
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DETAIL No. 10.

Paid for taking Census and Industrial Statistics,	\$150,00
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DETAIL NO. 11.

Paid County Tax,	\$635,60
" State Tax,	3,384,00
	\$4,019,60

DETAIL NO. 12.

Paid in the case of Payne vs. the Town of Coleraine,	\$249,00
" Davis & Lamb, counsel in the case of	
Jones vs. Coleraine,	67,00
" in the case of Petersham vs. Coleraine, Davis	
& Lamb,	225,00
" Costs,	360,66
Costs paid in previous years and reported in	
1864-5, as assets of the town,	173,45
	\$1,075,11

DETAIL NO. 13.

Abatement of Taxes for the year 1863,	\$1,62
“ “ 1864,	9,76
“ “ 1865,	156,27
	\$167,65

DETAIL NO. 14.

Debts Paid.

Paid T. Barber,	\$1,648,00	
“ F. S. Institution,	2,937,70	
“ S. D. Cole,	386,02	
“ S. F. Banks,	1,500,00	
“ H. A. Howard,	200,00	
“ Z. Cary,	125,00	
“ S. D. Cole,	74,22	
“ O. M. Gains,	300,00	
“ Orders of former years,	535,79	7,706,73
Paid debts not reported last year :		
“ Greenfield Bank,	750,00	
“ Wm. A. Russell,	83,36	
“ A. Nichols,	37,00	
“ E. H. Thompson,	130,38	
“ J. R. Smith,	185,92	
“ Abatement of Assessors, 1864,	18,90	
“ Balance paid teachers last year,	96,63	1,302,19
Paid Interest Money :		
“ F. S. Institution,	87,00	
“ Z. Cary,	39,00	
“ Mrs. Clark,	7,50	
“ Wm. Manning,	12,00	
“ J. Thompson,	11,75	
“ J. R. Smith,	29,46	
“ O. H. Wilson & H. A. Howard,	17,25	
“ S. D. Cole,	70,45	
“ Mrs. Merriam,	24,00	298,35
		\$9,307,27

DETAIL NO. 15.

Money appropriated for Schools,	\$1,288,56
There has been paid to Teachers,	886,47
Leaving in the treasurer's hands to pay teachers,	402,09

DETAIL NO. 16.

Ordinary expenses of the Town :

For the support of Paupers :	662,36
“ “ Bridges,	446,04
“ Work and timber for roads and bridges,	583,41
“ Town Officer's bills,	525,32
Sundry bills,	129,14
Damage on highways,	290,00
	\$2,636,27

DETAIL NO. 17.

Demands against the Town.

Note to S. D. Cole,	\$1,100,00
“ Eunice Cole,	252,14
“ L. Manning,	600,00
“ F. Thompson,	158,91
“ Wm. Manning,	200,00
“ Jesse Cone,	96,16
“ Zenas Cary,	525,00
“ E. S. Merriam,	400,00
“ O. B. Kendrick,	1,000,00
Due School Teachers,	402,09
Outstanding Orders,	605,25
	\$5,339,55
To meet these demands there is in the Treasury,	400,00
In the hands of the Collector,	426,94
“ “ the School Committee,	69,91
Balance due from the State, Aid paid in 1864,	434,80
Due from the State, Aid paid in 1865,	2,295,65
“ “ “ 1866,	37,05
“ from the U. States for examining Soldiers,	35,50

Due from the State for taking Census and Industrial Statistics,	150,00
" from the State, funeral expenses of F. Greene,	5,00
" " " " " Flora E. Bonnett,	2,50
" from C. S. Hillman, Guardian of Polly Ransom,	40,00
" from the Town of Dana for medical attendance of M. Woodward,	21,00
	\$3,916,35

Leaving the debt of the town beyond the means of the town, \$1,423,20

D. L. SMITH,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
S. D. HANDY,	
J. B. CLARK,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Coleraine.</i>

Coleraine, Feb. 24th, 1866.



The Town Report which should have appeared in this place-1866-1867 is missing, it is not even in the State Library and after many years useless search it has been decided to bind the rest of the volume to preserve it.

If anyone ever finds this missing report they will do a great favor to the town of Colrain if they will present it to the Griswold Memorial Library who will have it rebound and complete the volume.

R E P O R T

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF

C O L R A I N ,

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR 1866-7.

SHELBURNE FALLS:
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1867.



R E P O R T .

GENTLEMEN :

Your Committee respectfully submit the following Report for the school year ending March, 1866 :

We are pleased to note a general degree of progress in the cause of common school education in our town, though owing to the amount of money appropriated, our sessions have been far shorter than they should be. Several Districts deserve credit for having prolonged their schools by subscription. We were also favored by two Select Schools during the fall term. One taught by Miss Mary T. Smith of Northampton, the other by Arthur A. Smith ; both of them, we believe, useful and successful schools.

We proceed to notice the Reports from the several districts in detail :

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Summer term taught by Miss MARTHA G. SHATTUCK, of Greenfield. Length of school, 3 months. Whole number of scholars, 21. Average attendance, 14 41-60. Neither absent nor tardy, Hannah Colman.

Winter term taught by Miss MARY ANN WILSON, of Shelburne. Length of school, 3 months and 3 days. Whole number of scholars, 16. Average attendance, 11 1-3.

DISTRICT NO. II.

Summer term was taught by Miss DELIA E. PACKER. Length of school 2 3-4 months. Whole number of scholars, 16. Average attendance, 15. Neither absent nor tardy, Annie F. Bell, Arabella Nelson, Jennie E. Stewart, Elsie S. Kemp, Frank Bradley, Joseph B. Bradley.

Winter term was taught by Mr. CYRUS A. SNOW. Length of school, 2 months; prolonged by subscription, 5 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 24. Average attendance, 21 31-40. Neither absent nor tardy, Elsie S. and Ida G. Kemp, Lyman Lake, Frank Bradley and Joseph Bradley.

DISTRICT NO. III.

Summer term was taught by Miss EUNICE E. THOMAS, of Adams, center New York. Length of school, 3 months. Whole number of scholars, 7. Average attendance, 5 5-12. Neither absent nor tardy, Henrietta S. Wheeler. Mathew Barber.

Winter term taught by the same teacher. Length of school, 3 months and 4 days. Whole number of scholars, 13. Average attendance, 8 55-64. Neither absent nor tardy, Mary E. Wheeler, Hattie E. Miller, Mathew Barber.

DISTRICT NO. IV.

Summer term was taught by Miss ELLEN S. THOMPSON. Length of school, 2 3-4 months. Whole number of scholars, 12. Average attendance, 8 47-55. Neither absent nor tardy, Adell O. Fairbanks, Etta A. McClellen, Charlie J. Moore, George A. Purrington, Charlie M. Fairbanks.

Winter term was taught by Miss OLIVE J. FARLEY. Length of school, 3 months. Whole number of scholars, 14. Average attendance, 10 4-5. Neither absent nor tardy, Charlie J. Moore.

DISTRICT NO. V.

We can make no definite report of this District, as some ill-disposed person destroyed the Register while the winter school was in session. We believe the teacher, who is a capable one, labored

hard to do her duty. We regret that disaffection on the part of Parent or Guardian should have manifested itself in acts of malice and indecency; yet we learn that the majority of the district were well pleased with the school.

Summer term was taught by Miss MARTHA DAVIS, of Leyden. Length of school 2 months and 15 days. Whole number of scholars, 12. Average attendance, 10.

Winter term was taught by Miss LOTTIE SMEAD, of Shelburne. Length of school, 3 months. Whole number of scholars, 23. Average attendance, 21 1-2. Neither absent nor tardy, Simeon Cole, Geo. W. Spurr.

DISTRICT NO. VI.

Summer term was taught by Miss LIZZIE E. HILLMAN. Length of school, 3 months. Whole number of scholars, 24. Average attendance, 20 57-65. Neither absent nor tardy, Lucy L. Nichols, Emma R. Nichols, Minnie B. Jepson, Eveline E. Jepson, Laura A. Jepson, Albert E. Day, Lafayette A. Jepson, James Car, Francis Car.

Winter term was taught by Mr. JOSEPH L. BLODGETT. Length of school, 3 months. Whole number of scholars, 26. Average attendance, 19.

DISTRICT NO. VII.

Summer term was taught by Miss MARY L. BOOTH. Length of school, 2 months. Whole number of scholars, 18. Average attendance, 14.

Winter term taught by Miss MAGGIE E. TAYLOR, of Charlemont. Length of school, 3 months. Whole number of scholars, 26. Average attendance, 22 2-3.

DISTRICT NO. VIII.

Summer term was taught by Miss CLARA M. SHATTUCK, of Jacksonville, Vt. Length of school, 3 months. Whole number of scholars, 37. Average attendance, 32 25-60. Neither absent nor tardy, Hattie Stacy, Willie Fitch, Charlie Forbes.

Winter term Was taught by Mr. ARTHUR A. SMITH. Length

of school, 2 months, and 3 days. Prolonged by subscription, 1 month. Whole number of scholars, 44. Average attendance, 37 32-43. Neither absent nor tardy, Sylvester Call, Herma York and Otis York.

DISTRICT NO. IX.

Summer term was taught by Miss LUCY E. FLAGG. Length of school, 1 month and 15 days. Whole number of scholars, 18. Average attendance, 15. Neither absent nor tardy, Willie Stratton, Arthur S. Donelson.

Winter term was taught by Miss LAURETTA S. SHEARER. Length of school, 2 months and 15 days. Whole number of scholars, 15. Average attendance, 12 32-55. Neither absent nor tardy, Willie Stratton, James Allen, Geo. A. Stratton.

DISTRICT NO. X.

Summer term was taught by Miss LIZZIE E. HILLMAN. Length of school, 3 months. Whole number of scholars, 10. Average attendance, 9 1-2. Neither absent nor tardy, Luthera A. Bell, Frank A. Dunnell, Charlie E. Vincent.

Winter term was taught by Miss MATTIE A. MINER, of Leyden. Length of school, 2 month. Whole number of scholars, 10. Average attendance, 8 3-5. Neither absent nor tardy, Addie A. Dunnell, Fred. D. Dunnell, Frank. A. Dunnell.

DISTRICT NO. XI.

Summer term was taught by Miss RHODA R. RICE. Length of school, 2 months and 5 days. Whole number of scholars, 10. Average attendance, 9 16-45. Neither absent nor tardy, Lillie E. Davenport, Lizzie E. Dwight, Mallory P. Davenport, Herbert A. Davenport, Eddie J. Davenport.

Winter term was taught by the same teacher. Length of school, 2 months and 10 days. Whole number of scholars, 12. Average attendance, 10 42-50. Neither absent nor tardy, Lillie E. Davenport, Herbert A. Davenport, Eddie J. Davenport.

DISTRICT NO. XII.

Summer term was taught by Miss LOVINA R. HANDY. Length of school 3 months and 10 days. Whole number of scholars, 46. Average attendance, 32 52-70. Neither absent nor tardy Effie J. Kendrick, Lilly Farley, Sarah Andrews, Sarah Purrington, Herbert Farley, George Purrington.

Winter term was taught by Miss ALICE B. MATHER. Length of school 3 months and 15 days. Whole number of scholars, 51. Average attendance, 40 1-2. Neither absent nor tardy, Sarah L. Purrington, Mary A. Dennison, George F. Purrington.

DISTRICT NO. XIII.

There has been but one term of school in this district, and that the spring term, taught by Mr. C. A. SNOW. Length of school, 1 month and 10 days. Whole number of scholars, 7. Average attendance, 5 1-2. Neither absent nor tardy, M. Lizzie Browning, Horace S. Browning, Jennie J. Donelson.

DISTRICT NO. XIV. *Center*

Summer term was taught by Miss LIZZIE HARDY, of Shelburne. Whole number of scholars, 38. Average attendance, 31 46-63. Neither absent nor tardy, Addie S. Buck, Mary J. Smith, Amanda J. Squires, Clara A. Winchester, Ellen Winchester, Lydia A. Toulmin, Geo. Thompson.

Winter term was taught by Miss J. AMBIA WELLS, of Deerfield. Length of school, 2 months ; prolonged by subscription, 1 month. Whole number of scholars, 42. Average attendance, 39 9-40. Neither absent nor tardy, Addie S. Buck, Nellie Strong, Mary J. Smith, Amanda Squires, Clara and Ella Winchester, Stephen Roberts, Geo. H. Thompson, Henry Smith, Clayton Roberts, Willie Fisk, Willie Winchester, John Thompson, Joesph Toulmin, David Strong, Charlie Childs.

DISTRICT NO. XV.

Summer term taught by Miss MARY J. SMITH, of Northampton. Length of school, 2 months and 15 days. Whole number of scholars, 20. Average attendance, 16 17-53. Neither absent

nor tardy, Geo. W. Leonard, Charlie I. Miner, Herbert A. Root, Fannie E. Miner, Sarah M. Townsend.

Winter term taught by the same teacher. Length of school, 1 month and 10 days. Whole number of scholars, 29. Average attendance, 23, 18-29.

DISTRICT NO. XVI.

Summer term taught by Miss ELLA F. MCGEE, of Heath. Length of school, 2 months and 10 days. Whole number of scholars, 12. Average attendance, 10 7-10. Neither absent nor tardy, Mary Churchill, Hardy Maxam.

Winter term taught by Miss LIZZIE F. KENDRICK, of Charlemont. Length of school, 2 months. Whole number of scholars, 12. Average attendance, 9 29-40. Neither absent nor tardy, Mary Churchill.

DISTRICT NO. XVII.

Summer term was taught by Miss NANCY J. BOOTH. Length of school, 4 months and 5 days. Whole number of scholars, 38. Average attendance, 25 50-88. Neither absent nor tardy, Emily A. Marshall.

Winter term taught by the same teacher. Length of school, 1 month and 1 day; prolonged by subscription some two months. Whole number of scholars, 39. Average attendance, 33 7-22. Neither absent nor tardy, Emily A. Marshall, Joel L. Prouty, Frank D. Griswold, Willie Vincent.

DISTRICT NO. XVIII.

One term only—in the autumn—taught by Miss LUCY A. BALLOU, of Greenfield. Length of school, 3 months. Whole number of scholars, 10. Average attendance, 7 50-58. Neither absent nor tardy, John I. Donelson.

IN CONCLUSION

We would say that we have had during the past year a total of 353 weeks schooling, (a gain upon the previous year of 4 weeks,) and we still fall behind the requirement of the law, and our own

FINANCES OF COLRAIN.

Selectmen's Report, 1867-8.

DETAIL NO. 1.

Balance in the Treasury, March 1, 1867,	217,47
“ in the hands of the Collector,	265,84
Taxes of 1867, \$11,604,69, less discount, \$548,28,	11,006,41
Rec'd from State on account of State Aid,	700,00
“ the Guardian of Polly Bronson on account of her support,	76,50
Money borrowed by the Town,	1,200,05
	\$13,466,27

DETAIL NO. 2.

Paid sundry persons,	213,00
do do do	438,80
	\$651,80
Paid Medical Attendance for Paupers	
Doct. Horace Smith,	50,00
“ Chenery Puffer for doct. J. M. Bruffee,	31,00
For Coffin for C. McCloud,	14,00
do Isaac Green,	13,00
do Morton Shearer,	13,00

Funeral expenses of Isaac Green,	8,00
do do Morton Shearer,	8,00
A. C. Smith for Clothing,	4,25

 \$792,25

There will be due sundry persons April 8, 1868, 235,50

DETAIL NO. 3.

Expense for Bridges for the year 1867 :

Lower Bridge,	906,46
Smead do	11,50
Mill do	6,50
J. R. Davenport Bridge,	10,92
Hillman do	7,50
Taylor Brook do	7,50
City do	43,91
Morrison do	18,28
Spurr, do	68,55

 \$1,081,12

DETAIL NO. 4.

Overwork on Highways,	128,34
Timber and Plank for Roads and Bridges,	108,34

 \$236,68

DETAIL NO. 5.

Damage on Highways paid G. E. Worden,	40,00
Darling Shippee,	5,00
R. E. Blodgett,	33,76
H. A. Scott,	20,00
Chester W. Smith,	8,50
Jacob Sherman,	96,57

 \$203,83

DETAIL NO. 6.**SUNDRY BILLS.**

Paid for printing Selectmen's Report,	15,00
do School do	18,00
J. M. Scott for care of Town Hall,	,75
D. L. Smith, postage and stamps,	2,23
E. H. Thompson, do	2,00
A. C. Smith,	5,93
Repairing Hearse,	2,50
H. B. Miller for Stationery and Blank Books,	5,50
do do Copying Reports for 1866,	2,00
S. O. Lamb, fees on Carlton Case,	37,00
do do Counsel fees at sundry times for two years,	40,81
J. B. Cromack, Lumber for Hearse House,	48,21
S. B. Buck, Labor do do	36,75
E. H. Thompson, do do	10,00
A. C. Smith for nails and land for Hearse House,	12,03
do do Collecting, Recording and Returning Births, Deaths and Marriages,	15,75
	\$254,46

DETAIL NO. 7.

Grading city hill by order of Commissioners,	166,50
do hill near Jacob Yaws, do	23,75
Grading and widening Road near Fox Bridge,	69,95
" " do Lower Bridge,	76,00
Work on the Bardwell Road,	61,25
Laying Nelson Road,	4,00
Expense on Green River Road,	202,25
do North River Road,	29,00
Shattuck and Whitton Road,	300,00
L. D. Miller for Safe,	75,00
	\$1,007,70

DETAIL NO. 8.**TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.**

Clerk and Treasurer's Bill,		\$30,00
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SELECTMEN'S BILL.

D. L. Smith,	33,50	
S. D. Handy,	29,00	
E. H. Thompson,	32,00	94,50

ASSESSORS' BILL.

H. B. Miller,	75,00	
Lorenzo Spurr,	22,00	
Wm. Stuart,	19,00	116,00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S BILL.

D. W. Snow,	25,75	
D. W. Smith,	45,50	71,25
School Committee's bill of former years,		5,50
Collector's bill,		80,00
Sexton's bill,		55,50
Hearseman's bill,		41,00
		\$493,75

DETAIL NO. 9.

Paid Bills of former years,	\$138,52
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DETAIL NO. 10.

Paid County Tax,	977,85
State do	3,600,00
	\$4,577,85

DETAIL NO. 11.

Abatement of Taxes for the year 1866,	11,78
do do do 1867,	18,00
	29,78

DETAIL NO. 12.

Debts paid Wm. Manning's estate,	213,30
do Zenas Cary,	463,50
Paid Outstanding Orders,	424,12
	\$1,100,92

DETAIL NO. 13.

Money appropriated for Schools,		22,024,91
There has been paid to teachers,	1,339,81	
In the Treasury to pay teachers,	685,10	22,024,91

DETAIL NO. 14.**ORDINARY EXPENSES OF THE TOWN.**

Support of Paupers,	792,25
do Bridges,	1,081,12
Work, Timber and Plank for Roads and Bridges,	236,68
Town Officers' Bills,	493,75
Sundry Bills,	203,83
do do	254,46
	\$3,062,09

DETAIL NO. 15.**DEMANDS AGAINST THE TOWN.**

Note to S. D. Cole,	1,166,00
do Fanny Thompson,	170,00
do D. L. Smith,	500,00
do E. H. Thompson,	205,00
do B. H. Sperry,	500,00
Outstanding Orders,	362,17
	\$2,903,17

DETAIL NO. 16.

To meet these demands there is in the hands of the

Treasurer,	1,159,64
In the hands of the Collector,	360,41
do do School Committee,	69,91
Balance due for State Aid in 1865,	95,65
do do 1866,	39,16
do do Jan. 1, 1867,	32,00
do do before Jan. 1, 1868,	788,00
do do since Jan. 1, 1868,	72,00
do for examining Soldiers,	25,00

\$2,641,77

Leaving the Debt of the town beyond the means of
the Town,

\$261,40

DETAIL NO. 17.**RECAPITULATION.**

Means of the Town as per Detail No. 1,	13,466,27
Outstanding Orders as per Detail No. 15,	362,17

\$13,828,44

Paid for Bridges as per Detail No. 3,	1,081,12
Paupers, do " 2,	792,25
Overwork, &c., do " 4,	236,68
Damages, &c., do " 5,	203,83
Sundry Bills, do " 6,	254,46
Extraordinary Expenses, " 7,	1,007,70
Town Officers' Bills, " 8,	423,75
Bills of former years, " 9,	138,52
County and State Tax, " 10,	4,577,85
Abatements, do " 11,	29,78
Paid Debts, do " 12,	1,100,92
Paid for Schooling, do " 13,	1,339,81
Means of the Town,	2,641,77

\$13,828,44

D. L. SMITH,	} Selectmen of Colrain.
S. D. HANDY,	
E. H. THOMPSON,	

Colrain, Feb. 22, 1868.

FINANCES OF COLRAIN.

Selectmen's Report, 1868-9.

DETAIL NO. 1.

Balance in the Treasury, March 1, 1868,	1,159,64	
Less money appropriated for schooling, 1867,	685,10	474,64
In the hands of the Collector,		460,41
Taxes of 1868, \$8,955,04, less discount,	412,62	8,542,42
Received from State on account of State Aid,	788,00	
do do for the year 1865,	52,53	840,53
do the Guardian of Polly Ransom		
on account of her support,		77,50
Money Borrowed by the Town,		2,100,00
Received of O. B. Gaines on highway bills,		8,90
do from the Treasurer on account of License,		50,00
do do Commissions,		4,82
		\$12,559,22

DETAIL NO. 2.

Paid sundry persons for support of Paupers,	242,68
do do do do do	265,00
	\$507,68
Paid Medical attendance to Paupers, Doct. Smith,	60,00
	\$567,68
There will be due sundry persons April 8, 1869,	219,00

DETAIL NO. 3.

Expense for Bridges for the year 1868 :

Spurr Bridge,	10,49
Smead do	587,79
Lyon do	697,00
Branch do	416,82
Morrison do	513,18
City, do	76,52
Fox do raising, covering, and grading,	172,45
Vincent do	70,06
Pierce do	16,05
Tisdell do	28,75
Brown do	13,25

 \$2,602,36
DETAIL NO. 4.

Overwork on Highway,	137,02
Timber and Plank for Roads and Bridges,	94,51

 \$231,53
DETAIL NO. 5.

Damage on highways paid Benjamin Barber,	62,50
do do do Adeline S. Hicks,	4,00
do do do S. D. Hawks,	25,00
do do do L. D. Brownell,	5,50

 \$97,00
DETAIL NO. 6.—Sundry Bills.

Luther Graves,	3,91
Labor and Material for Hearse House,	43,42
Paid for printing Selectmen's Reports,	15,00
do do School do	18,00
J. M. Scott, care of Town Hall,	1,00

E. H. Thompson, for postage and stamps,	,70
do do stationery,	,88
H. B. Miller, for settling State Aid Account, blanks, stationery, postage and express,	13,32
Collecting, recording and returning births, deaths, and marriages,	13,80
A. C. Smith, stationery, express, &c.,	11,67
do do printing bill,	2,65
O. M. Gaines, for entertainment of sundry poor persons,	7,20
E. H. Thompson, cash paid sundry persons,	15,70
Philo Marsh, for stove and fixtures for Town Hall,	18,03
	\$165,28

DETAIL NO. 7.

D. L. Smith, grading highway near Fox Bridge, ordered by County Commissioners,	20,00
S. W. Gleason, do do S. C. Avery's do	54,50
R. I. Donalson, do do do do	44,75
E. H. Thompson, do do do do	2,00
Grading Hill near David Wilson's,	42,00
Work on Bardwell road,	66,60
Expense on Green River road,	138,90
Laying Abutments and Grading Hill near Red Mill,	69,00
Removing Rock and widening road near D. S. Pierce's,	65,00
Widening road near Benjamin Minor's,	17,75
	\$520,50

DETAIL NO. 8.

TOWN OFFICER'S BILLS.

Clerk and Treasurer's bill,	\$40,00
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SELECTMEN'S BILLS.

E. H. Thompson,	42,00
Nelson Peterson,	22,65
William Stewart,	30,25
	\$94,90

ASSESSOR'S BILL.

H. B. Miller,	80,00	
Lorenzo Spurr,	18,00	
Wm. B. McGee,	18,00	\$116,00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S BILL.

D. W. Snow,	27,25	
W. W. Smith,	40,00	
do do bill for 1867,	10,00	77,25
Collector's Bill,	70,00	
Notifying George Carey,	1,00	71,00
Sexton's Bills,		32,00
Hearseman's Bill,		34,00
		\$465,15

DETAIL NO. 9.

Paid bills of former years,	\$87,47
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DETAIL NO. 10.

Paid County Tax,	977,85	
" State do	1,440,00	\$2,417,85

DETAIL NO. 11.

Abatement of Taxes for the year 1867,	36,27	
do do do 1868,	36,88	\$73,05

DETAIL NO. 12.

Debts paid S. D. Cole,	1,170,45	
Interest to Savings Bank,	57,17	
Outstanding Orders,	392,24	\$1,619,86

DETAIL NO. 13.

Money appropriated for Schools,		\$2,018,43
There has been paid to Teachers,	1,246,07	
In Treasury to pay	do	772,36
		\$2,018,43

DETAIL NO. 14.

Paid State Aid from March 1, 1868, to March 1, 1869,	\$500,00
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DETAIL NO. 15.**EXPENSES OF THE TOWN.**

Support of Paupers as per	Detail No. 2,	567,68
Expense for Bridges,	do 3,	2,610,62
Overwork, Timber and Plank,	do 4,	231,53
Damage on Highways,	do 5,	97,00
Sundry Bills,	do 6,	165,28
Bills as per	do 7,	520,50
Town Officer's Bills,	do 8,	465,15
Bills of former years,	do 9,	87,47
Paid County and State Tax,	do 10,	2,417,85
Abatements,	do 11,	73,05
Paid Debts,	do 12,	1,619,86
For Schooling,	do 13,	2,018,43
Paid State Aid,	do 14,	500,00
		\$11,374,42

DETAIL NO. 16.**DEMANDS AGAINST THE TOWN.**

Note and Interest to Fanny Thompson,	190,40
do do D. L. Smith,	535,00
do do E. H. Thompson,	219,35
do do B. H. Sperry,	550,00
do to Savings Bank,	1,000,00
Two Notes and Interest to Thomas Barber,	411,80
Note to Job Smith,	300,00
do Nelson Peterson,	400,00
Outstanding Orders	42,85
	\$3,649,46

DETAIL NO. 17.

To meet these demands, there is in the hands of the
 Treasurer, \$893,92, less money appropriated for
 Schools for 1868, \$772,36,

				121,56
In the hands of the Collector,				1,114,45
do do School Committee,				69,91
Balance Due for State Aid for 1866,				39,16
do do do 1867,				32,00
do do do 1868,				508,00
do do do since Jan. 1, 1869,				64,00
				\$1,949,08
Leaving the Debt of the Town beyond the means of the Town,				\$1,700,38

**DETIAL NO. 18.
RECAPITULATION.**

Means of the Town as per Detail No. 1,	12,559,22	
Outstanding Orders, do do 16,	42,85	12,602,07
Paid for Support of Paupers, as per Detail No. 2,		567,68
do Bridges, do do 2,		2,602,36
do Overwork, &c., do do 4,		231,53
do Damages and Highways, do 5,		97,00
do Sundry Bills, do do 6,		165,28
do Grading Roads, &c., do 7,		520,50
do Town Officer's Bills, do 8,		465,15
do Bills of former years, do 9,		87,47
do State and County Tax, do 9,		2,417,85
do Abatements, do 11,		73,05
do Debts, do 12,		1,619,86
do Schooling, do 13,		2,018,43
do State Aid, do 14,		500,00
In the hands of the Treasurer,		121,56
do do Collector,		1,114,45
		\$12,602,07

E. H. THOMPSON,	} <i>Selectmen of Colrain.</i>
NELSON PETERSON,	
WM. STEWART,	

Colrain, Feb. 20, 1869.

FINANCES OF COLRAIN.

Selectmen's Report, 1869-70.

DETAIL NO. 1.

Balance in the Treasury March 1st, 1869,	893,92
do due from the collector, 1868,	1,114,45
Taxes for the year 1869,	9,084,24
Received from the State on account of State Aid,	512,00
do do Guardian of Polly Ransom,	70,02
Money borrowed by the town,	6,817,50
do received of O. M. Gains,	1,86
do do from state, corporation tax,	27,42
do do for cable and bed,	17,00
do do from the town of Charlemont on account of paupers,	6,27
do do do State on account of paupers,	5,00
do do do do School Fund,	168,62
	\$18,718,30

DETAIL NO. 2.

Paid for support of paupers,	683,02
Medical attendance for paupers,	4,50
	\$687,52
There will be due for support of paupers April 8, 1870,	
\$396,00, and for medical attendance, \$35,00	

DETAIL NO. 3.

Expenses for Bridges for the year 1869 :

Spurr	Bridge, No. 1,	490,00
do	do do 2,	553,55
Lyons	do	513,48
Mill	do	534,00
Blandon	do	133,57
City,	do	690,47
Hillman	do No. 1,	405,44
do	do do 2,	336,68
Adamville	do	108,90
Fox	do	404,85
Morrison	do	169,80
Foundery	do	134,11
Tisdale	do No. 1 & 2,	315,53
Brown	do	82,34
Foot	do at Shattuckville,	37,00
Vincent	do Road and Abutments,	181,00

\$5,090,72
DETAIL NO. 4.

Bills paid by the Selectmen for repair of roads and bridges,

2,913,33

Timber and Plank for roads and bridges,

120,14

Paid repairs on Green River Road,

95,94

\$3,129,41
DETAIL NO. 5.

Damages on highways : Paid D. Galvin,

300,00

G. Roberts,

8,57

J. G. Thompson,

60,00

\$368,57

DETAIL NO. 6.**SUNDRY BILLS.**

Cash paid Bangs and others bills, at O. M. Gains',	12,67
printing Selectmen's Report,	15,00
do School Report	18,00
Stationery and express for School Committee,	85
H. A. Flagg for tolling bell in 1868—9,	4,00
S. O. Lamb, counsel,	16,00
Walter Bell, damage for discontinuing road,	30,00
for getting bridge timber and irons,	84,30
A. C. Smith, stationery and express,	17,35
Expenses of Bangs and others,	3,25
Wm. Stewart, stamps, postage and express,	5,39
H. B. Miller, postage and stationery,	2,05
Expense of derrick,	269,03
Collecting, recording and returning births,	
deaths and marriages,	14,80
Expense of appraising school district property,	60,00
	\$552,69

DETAIL NO. 7.**TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.**

A. C. Smith, Clerk and Treasurer,	40,00
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SELECTMEN'S BILLS.

Wm. Stewart,	53,25	
A. C. Smith,	56,00	
Morris Pierce,	60,50	169,75

ASSESSORS' BILLS.

H. B. Miller,	98,00	
S. C. Avery,	16,00	
Tho. Purrington,	21,00	135,00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S BILL.

D. W. Snow,	57,50	
O. J. Davenport,	20,00	
H. Smith,	19,00	96,50

SEXTONS' BILLS.

L. B. Donelson,	10,50	
George York,	14,00	
Elbert Purrington,	10,50	35,00
Hearseman's Bill,		31,25

\$507,50

DETAIL NO. 8.

Paid Bills of former years,	\$33,73
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DETAIL NO. 9.

Paid County Tax,	977,85
State do	1,800,00
	\$2,777,85

DETAIL NO. 10.

Abatement of Taxes, 1868,	15,66	
do do 1869,	15,81	\$31,47

DETAIL NO. 11.**DEBTS PAID.**

Interest to Thomas Barber,	14,00	
do Savings Institution,	84,58	
Note and Interest to N. Peterson,	415,55	
do do Fanny Thompson,	191,00	\$705,13

DETAIL NO. 12.

Paid for Schooling,	\$2,138,44
There will be due for schools when the bills are audited, about \$656,67.	

DETAIL NO. 13.

Paid State Aid,	536,00
do do	40,00
	\$576,00

DETAIL NO. 14.

Discount on Taxes,	\$324,17
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DETAIL NO. 15.**EXPENSES OF THE TOWN.**

Paid for support of Poor as per Detail No. 2,	687,52
Bridges, do 3,	5,094,72
Repair of Roads and Bidges, 4,	3,129,41
Damage on Highways, do 5,	368,57
Sundry Bills, do 6,	552,69
Town officers' bills, do 7,	507,50
Bills of former years, do 8,	33,73
County and State Tax, do 9,	2,777,85
Abatements, do 10,	31,47
Debts, do 11,	705,13
Schooling, do 12,	2,138,44
State Aid, do 13,	576,00
Discount on Taxes, do 14,	324,17
Money in the Treasury,	2,192,19
do do hands of the Collector,	779,07
	\$19,898,46

DETAIL NO. 16.**DEMANDS AGAINST THE TOWN.**

Note and Interest to E. H. Thompson,	234,85
do do B. H. Sperry,	583,00
do do Savings Bank,	6,500,00
do do T. Barber,	411,80
do do Job R. Smith,	321,00
do do T. Barber,	200,00
do do Celinda Hillman,	250,00
do do E. C. Smith,	400,00
do do Job R. Smith,	125,00
do do George Cary,	150,50
do do Lorenzo Spurr,	192,00
Outstanding orders,	1,180,16
	\$10,548,31

DETAIL NO. 17.

To meet these demands there is in the Treasury,	2,192,19
In the hands of the Collector,	779,07
do School Committee,	69,91
Balance due for State Aid paid in 1866,	39,16
do do do 1867,	32,00
do do do 1869,	536,00
do do do 1870,	40,00

 \$3,688,33

Leaving the debt of the town beyond the means of the town,	\$6,991,18
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DETAIL NO. 18.**RECAPITULATION.**

Means of the town, as per Detail, No. 1,	18,718,30
Outstanding Orders, do do 16,	1,180,16

 \$19,898,46

Paid for support of Poor, pr. Detail No. 2,	687,52
do Bridges, do do 3,	5,094,72
do Roads and Bridges, do do 4,	3,129,41
do Damage on Highways, do do 5,	368,57
do Sundry Bills, do do 6,	552,69
do Town Officers' Bills, do do 7,	507,50
do Bills of former years, do do 8,	33,73
do County and State Tax, do do 9,	2,777,85
Abatements of Taxes, do do 10,	31,47
Paid Debts, do do 11,	1,705,13
do Schooling, do do 12,	2,138,44
do State Aid, do do 13,	576,00
do Discount on Taxes, do do 14,	324,17

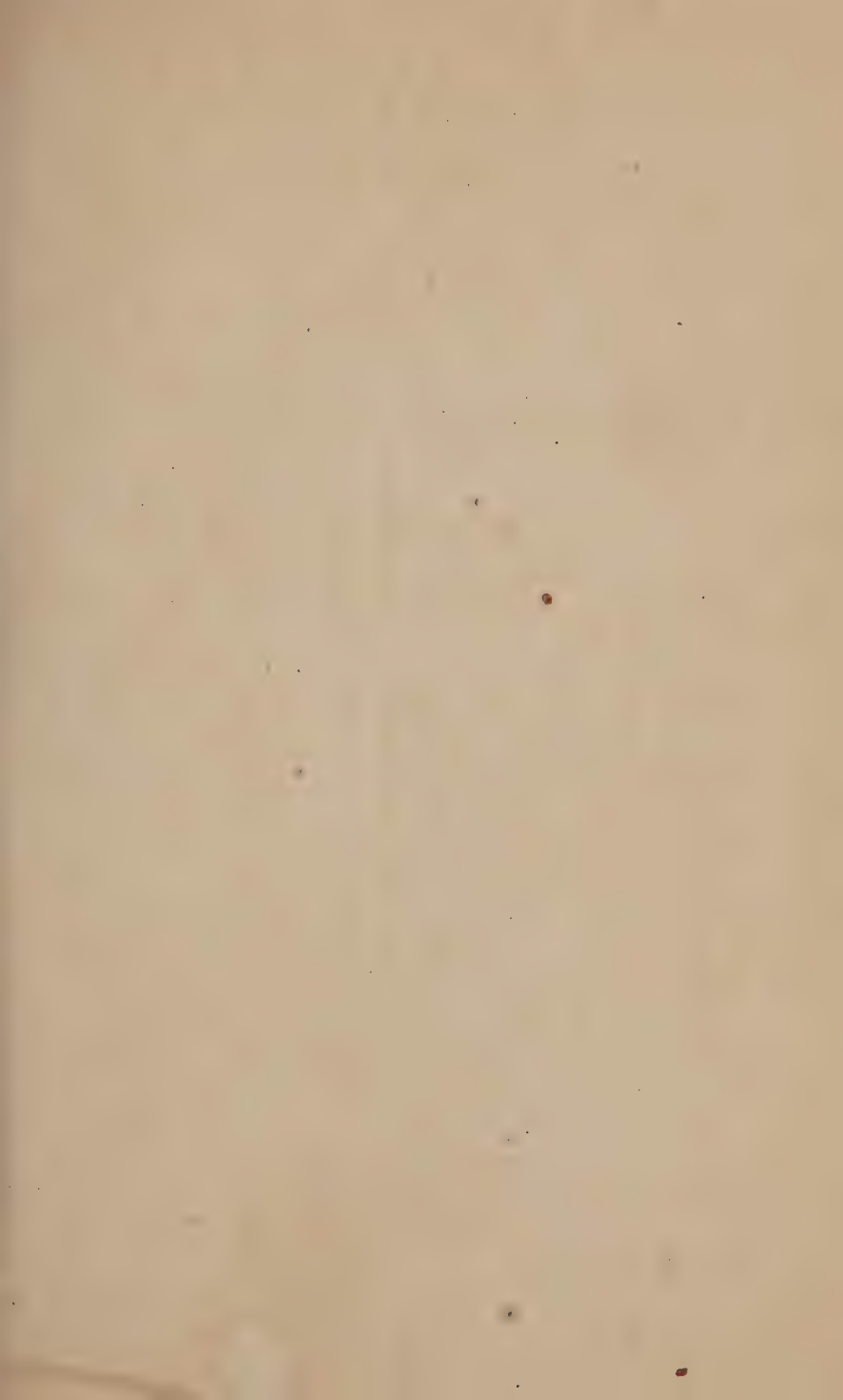
 16,927,20

Cash in the Treasury,	2,192,19
do do hands of the Collector,	779,07

 \$19,898,46

WILLIAM STEWART,	} Selectmen of Colrain.
A. C. SMITH,	
MORRIS PIERCE,	

Colrain, Feb. 24, 1870.





FINANCES OF COLRAIN, 1870-71.

RECEIPTS.

Feb. 22,	To am't due town in settlement,	2,192,19
Mar, 5,	Cash rec'd of B. H. Sperry,	1,300,00
Apr. 5,	N. Peterson & Son,	500,00
	on acc't of Dogs from Co. Tr.	84,34
May 14,	State Aid for 1867,	67,43
June 8,	of Mrs. E. H. Thompson,	200,00
	H. A. Howard, tax 1869,	350,00
July 7,	Savings Bank, L. S. Wood,	109,97
	B. H. Sperry,	500,00
Aug. 4,	J. R. Smith,	150,00
27,	S. W. Wheeler,	400,00
	H. A. Howard,	429,07
Sept. 1,	Savings Bank, Greenfield,	6,000,00
Nov. 10,	do do	4,000,00
26,	B. H. Sperry,	200,00
Dec. 1,	for Corporation Tax,	6,14
	State Aid for 1869,	528,00
	from Massachusetts School Fund,	219,08
	S. W. Wheeler,	269,74
	Taxes collected for 1870,	14,459,14
		\$31,965,10

DISBURSEMENTS.

Feb. 23,	Paid T. C. Shearer,	Order,	27,25
	do	do	9,00
	V. C. Healey,	do	4,00
	C. S. Hillman,	do	11,77
	J. A. Dwight	do	2,00
Mar. 10,	Orren Houghton,	do	6,42
	E. B. Smith,	do	14,50

Mar. 10,	H. H. Winchester,	Order,	14,94
	Riley Farnsworth,	do	8,00
	G. A. Russell	do	12,50
	Morris Pierce,	do	422,96
	H. B. Miller,	do	39,05
	T. R. McGee,	do	6,00
	James H. Davis	do	2,62
	Rominor Smith,	do	106,00
	J. P. Bell,	do	40,90
	Nelson Peterson,	do	84,04
	O. F. Haynes,	do	11,30
	J. Combs,	do	8,00
	L. B. Donelson,	do	12,50
	Wm. B. Stewart,	do	138,73
	H. B. Sperry,	Note,	500,00
	Int. do	do	90,73
	J. H. Bangs,	Damage,	90,00
	Z. F. Young,	do	200,00
	C. Simonds,		19,00
	Lyman Farley,		33,00
	R. J. Donelson		6,00
Apr. 4,	Interest on J. Barber's Note,		42,00
	G. W. Mather,	C. Bill,	50,00
	Joslyn & Kimball,	Damage,	200,00
	School Bills for 1869,		730,16
	J. P. Sturtevant,	Order,	5,25
	Horace Smith,	Bill,	44,00
Apr. 20,	Mrs. M. Farley,	Boarding,	36,00
	Jerome Thompson,		45,00
	Goodwin Roberts,		100,00
	Israel Thompson,		155,00
	G. W. Mather,		25,00
	S. N. Maxam,		10,00
May 14,	B. J. Davenport,		137,50
June 8,	W. S. Gleason,		169,80
	George York,		8,00
	Stacey Davis,		3,21
	State Industrial School,		40,50
June 23,	Truman Canedy,		338,60
July 1,	H. A. Howard,		77,00
	S. W. Call,		21,00
	E. H. Thompson,		27,00
	S. C. Avery,		16,00
	T. S. Lincoln,		23,22
	G. C. Johnson,		9,00
	H. Barber,		10,00
	J. H. Eaton,		7,00
	Fred Seiveign,		2,00
	Int. to Greenfield S. Bank,		220,21

July 1,	Jacob Yaw,	12,10
	Nelson Walden,	22,00
Aug. 11,	Samuel Remington,	103,55
29,	T. S. Lincoln,	82,50
	John McDonald,	4,92
	Mrs. Joslyn,	7,14
27,	Levi Green,	10,00
	S. W. Wheeler,	816,77
	Abatelements,	40,50
Sept. 1,	O. Preston,	50,00
	Moses Daniels,	35,00
	Daniel Cary,	50,63
	Zina Cary,	29,05
	J. M. Miller,	65,50
	Mrs. Martha Farley,	52,18
	Dennis Wilson,	14,60
	Orrin Houghton,	36,87
	Levi Thompson,	32,00
	James Kendrick,	1,75
	Abel Dutton,	21,40
	Prudence H. Davenport,	712,25
	A. H. Temple,	78,25
	C. E. Clemons,	23,00
	M. M. Johnson,	9,42
	Lewis Shearer,	90,50
	T. R. McGee,	75,93
	Louise Thompson,	20,00
	R. Handy,	6,00
	Goodwin Roberts,	115,92
	E. B. Stewart,	73,89
	Russell Miller,	103,24
	R. A. Buck,	71,63
	B. F. Miller,	25,85
	H. Niles,	20,00
	Myrtle McGee,	22,51
	Henry Barber,	21,47
	O. White & Son,	98,50
	J. J. Dwight,	179,73
	Isaac Smead,	36,00
	David L. Smith,	327,63
	S. B. Buck,	180,00
	David Manning,	5,00
	G. Cary & Son,	157,16
	Hezekiah Smith & Son,	174,71
	Levi Thompson,	21,33
	S. C. Avery,	154,64
	S. N. Maxam,	35,45
	Sohn Sturtevant,	83,00
	H. W. Minor,	50,70

Sept. 1,	Lorenzo Spurr,	51,53
	J. B. Cromack,	28,52
	Uriah Miner,	26,00
	B. H. Sperry,	121,75
	J. W. Mather,	143,94
	George R. Patterson,	5,00
	O. J. Davenport,	117,11
	Wm. S. Gleason,	743,54
	Darling Shippee,	46,50
	J. B. Clark,	71,13
	Dennis Rice,	14,43
	H. C. Cromack,	13,66
	Griswoldville Manf'g Co.,	723,29
	do do	1,224,69
	do do	504,35
	do do	1,328,80
	Chandler & John Vincent,	52,08
	D. W. Snow,	59,30
	Morris Pierce and Son,	469,57
	Daniel Dwight and Son,	12,80
	H. O. Scott & Co.,	161,40
	E. Wells & Co.,	29,25
	Albert Barber,	10,00
	T. E. Williams,	30,95
	Franklin & Noyes,	36,00
	H. B. Millor,	91,17
	J. L. Clark,	10,00
6,	F. E. Minor,	9,57
7,	E. S. Morely,	12,50
	Newton Smead,	56,34
10,	Griswoldville Manf'g Co.,	363,81
	do do	964,62
	do do	248,75
13,	Allen Call,	20,42
16,	O. B. Wheeler,	144,00
17,	Morris Bowler,	34,00
20,	J. P. Sturtevant,	40,00
24,	Jacob Thompson,	53,11
28,	R. A. Buck,	57,29
	County Tax,	1,222,31
	T. W. Brown,	57,50
Oct. 7,	S. W. Wheeler,	403,00
10,	J. S. Tenney,	30,00
12,	G. W. Mather,	39,50
18,	Henry Barber,	151,12
19,	B. F. Minor,	10,20
22,	A. Browning,	45,00
	A. H. Temple,	29,40
24,	S. Allens Sons,	134,21

Oct. 26,	Truman Canedy,	374,47
Nov. 1,	Jerome Thompson,	37,50
	Frank Thompson,	90,00
3,	Goodwin Roberts,	100,00
	W. B. Nichols,	85,42
8,	C. B. Denison,	29,25
12,	J. J. Dwight,	46,08
15,	H. O. Scott,	88,50
16,	Timothy Brown,	220,69
	J. E. Goodrich,	46,87
	do	56,23
19,	M. C. Goodnow,	34,88
19,	Reuel Cobb,	81,68
	Isaac Esty,	80,00
23,	Morris Pierce,	119,02
26,	S. B. Buck,	92,00
28,	W. S. Gleason,	354,05
	Lorenzo Spurr,	202,69
29,	F. W. Mather,	56,00
	B. H. Sperry,	63,00
Dec. 1,	Earl Shearer,	29,71
	State Tax,	1,800,00
	Griswoldville Manf'g Co.	1,180,48
12,	Selinda Hillman's Note,	269,44
13,	Dennis Rice,	110,00
	J. G. Thompson,	167,96
15,	Baxter Bardwell,	57,50
17,	H. B. Miller,	22,50
19,	A. H. Temple,	18,90
	Truman Lincoln,	46,37
	S. S. Eastman,	2,50
	G. A. Arms,	10,26
21,	Willard Sumner,	102,00
	William Stewart,	8,00
22,	Charles Steele,	10,59
24,	D. F. Daniels,	25,25
26,	Uri Bradley,	15,64
29,	A. B. Nelson,	55,00
	Earl Shearer,	8,00
31,	J. R. Smith, Interest,	52,22
Jan. 2, '71,	Int. Saving B'k, Greenfield,	400,94
	O. Preston,	66,00
	E. Preston,	43,75
5,	G. H. Stewart,	99,58
5,	O. B. Wheeler,	37,20
14,	Luke White,	8,03
	Hezekiah Smith,	41,50
53,	John Bruffee,	78,00
24,	G. W. Mirick,	44,00

Jan. 27,	Lewis Shearer,	5,95	
	Luther Purrington,	14,50	
31,	H. S. Swan,	18,00	
Feb. 3,	A. B. Nelson,	10,00	
	Herbert Call,	15,74	
9,	Nathaniel S. Rice,	10,00	
13,	Levi Green,	7,00	
15,	Thomas Purrington,	20,00	
16,	T. C. Shearer,	70,50	
28,	Amos Stewart,	3,50	
	Lysander D. Smith,	36,50	
	G Cary & Son, N. & In't,	70,53	
	Discount on Taxes,	721,14	
	Wm. Martin,	80,74	
	A. Barber,	12,50	
	S. W. Wheeler,	93,25	
	B. Martin,	62,50	
	Russell Miller,	8,75	
	State Aid to June, 1871,	448,00	
	M. Barber,	12,00	
	D. W. Nelson,	1,00	
	D. W. Nelson,	73,39	
	H. L. Todd,	10,00	
	Reuben W. Stacy,	10,00	
	O. F. Haynes,	5,85	
	E. C. Harris,	5,68	
	G. M. Taintor,	3,17	
	Guerdin Thompson,	3,05	
	S. C. Avery,	2,50	
	Levi Green,	15,82	
	Reuel Cobb,	27,75	
	James Read,	6,00	
	J. B. Clark,	113,00	
	John Call,	8,17	
	J. C. Purrington,	2,75	
	E. B. Smith,	40,00	
	David Houghton, Abatement,	46,00	
	J. B. Marsh,	26,00	
	Charles Call,	33,75	
	V. C. Healey,	15,21	
	C. W. Shattuck & Son,	210,17	
	Amos Stewart,	165,95	
	State Industrial School,	19,71	
	School Money for 1870,	2,033,73	\$30,856,74
	Balance to new account,		1,108,36
			\$31,865,10

SUMMARY.

Due Greenfield Savings Bank,	16,788,75	
" David L. Smith & Son,	1,045,18	
" Mrs. E. H. Thompson,	473,35	
" Job. R. Smith,	586,07	
" Benjamin H. Sperry,	1,586,00	
" George Cary & Son,	263,71	
" Nelson Peterson,	532,08	
" Thomas Barber's Estate,	638,49	
" Silas Whitman Wheeler,	414,14	
" William B. McGee, Jr.,	100,00	
" Griswoldville Manufacturing Co.,	1,293,64	
Estimated unsettled liabilities,	1,000,00	24,721,41

Resources of the Town.

Balance in the Treasury,	1,108,36	
Uncollected Taxes,	3,025,24	
State Aid Due,	448,00	
Due from Mr. Buddington,	320,00	4,901,60
Debt beyond means of town,		<u>\$19,819,81</u>

JOSEPH GRISWOLD,	}	Selectmen
S. W. WHEELER,		of
S. GLEASON,		Colrain.

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FINANCES OF COLRAIN, 1871-2.

Received by the Treasurer.

Balance in the hands of the Treasurer on Settlement Feb. 21, 1871,	1,108,36
Cash Received of C. H. Merrill,	2,000,00
from County Treasurer from Dogs,	90,17
of B. H. Sperry,	600,00
of S. W. Wheeler, from Buddington,	150,00
do do do	56,29
for State Aid for 1870,	440,00
Corporation Tax,	6,24
Bank do	267,94
of Mrs. Donelson,	150,00
from the County,	500,00
of H. A. Howard, Taxes of 1870,	3,025,24
from Mass. School Fund,	162,67
of H. A. Howard, Tax of 1871,	9,810,31
	\$18,367,22

DISBURSEMENTS.**Bills Paid by the Treasurer.**

1871.

March 1,	Paid Frank Thompson,	52,50
	do do	56,25
3,	A. C. Smith,	85,27
4,	Mary Barber, Interest,	42,00
	O. B. Curtis,	2,34
	J. M. Miller,	25,00
	Chas. Russell,	1,00
6,	E. B. Stewart,	7,90
	C. L. Carpenter, abatement,	28,11
11,	H. W. Miner,	1,88
22,	J. Griswold, Note,	140,00
25,	J. S. Bell,	15,00
	N. Peterson & Son, Note,	533,83
30,	Jerome Thompson,	37,50
April 1,	J. P. Bell,	10,00
3,	L. B. Moor,	10,00
	Leavett Stark,	12,00
8,	D. L. Smith, Note,	1,013,69
10,	C. W. Green,	40,00
	J. S. Tenney,	30,00
	G. W. Mather,	37,50
	Goodwin Roberts,	242,80
25,	J. P. Bell,	13,75
28,	L. Donelson,	10,50
	J. Townsend,	10,00
May 6,	Chas. Steele,	73,87
12,	Sumner & Canedy,	422,34
June 1,	Barney Gallop,	40,36
July 1,	Bank Interest,	577,50
11,	S. S. Eastman, Bill,	7,00
Aug. 1,	J. R. Smith, Interest,	10,50
	Geo. J. Davenport,	2,00
15,	E. H. Thompson, Wife on Note,	10,00
	Dennis Galvin,	12,80
Sept. 1,	W. A. Davis,	5,70

Paid		John McDonald,	4,00
		H. H. & H. C. Winchester,	23,25
		W. & G. H. Stewart,	15,00
		E. H. Thompson,	154,36
		Amos Stewart,	10,00
		Levi L. Green,	21,60
		H. W. Miner,	15,00
		H. A. Howard,	100,00
		H. B. Miller,	94,00
		S. W. Wheeler,	74,99
		C. H. Steel,	45,93
		John Wilson,	23,00
		T. C. Shearer,	11,70
		S. N. Wilson,	5,92
2,		E. B. Stewart,	22,00
4,		R. J. Smith,	9,00
		Wm. Winchester,	3,25
		C. W. Smith,	40,50
5,		J. C. Thompson,	14,38
		County Tax,	1,466,77
6,		H. O. Scott,	13,50
		D. Faulkner,	35,00
		Seth Leonard,	12,38
		T. Barber, Note,	208,17
		Jerome Thompson,	44,97
		Goodwin Roberts,	200,00
		D. L. Smith,	26,00
		Chas. Call,	35,10
		S. B. Buck,	100,00
		do do	250,00
		E. Bordwell,	4,60
		B. F. Miller,	58,47
		A. Goodnow,	25,00
		Isaac Tisdale,	50,00
		E. B. Stewart,	9,75
		J. B. Clark,	72,61
		Harvey Bell,	2,87
		L. F. Shearer,	25,50
		Frank Shearer,	5,00

Paid Abel Dutton,	3,20
J. R. Farnsworth,	20,47
C. W. Shattuck,	53,37
Griswoldville Mfg. Co.,	224,53
do do	168,61
do do	970,25
do do	1,076,59
E. B. Smith,	20,21
Morris Pierce,	266,26
H. O. & E. Scott,	74,94
C. & J. Vincent,	6,00
C. S. Cary,	66,59
C. W. Shattuck, Abatement,	103,00
J. P. Sturtevant,	16,00
N. M. Walden,	18,75
Mrs. Dwight Roberts,	10,78
Ezra Smead,	19,40
Nelson Joy,	8,00
L. F. Shearer,	15,75
A. A. Prouty,	34,50
S. W. Wheeler,	433,07
A. L. Burrington,	19,50
Hezekiah Smith,	26,00
A. C. Smith,	220,18
G. W. Stanton,	13,00
J. E. Bowen,	10,51
State Tax,	1,800,00
C. W. Green,	9,00
J. R. Smith,	29,75
Savings Bank, Interest,	577,50
V. D. Thompson,	40,00
L. D. Smith,	10,00
John Bruffy,	78,00
Consider Simonds,	13,00
E. J. Burrington,	9,10
C. W. Green,	2,35
T. C. Shearer,	63,65
A. Stewart,	22,00
Hezekiah Smith,	10,00

———— Paid Mrs. Donelson's Note,	151,12
Geo. Denison,	25,00
Baxter Bardwell,	71,58
Geo. Stewart,	23,00
Amos Stewart,	7,50
A. P. Nelson,	96,68
J. E. Goodrich,	10,40
A. C. Smith,	99,17
Morris Pierce & Son,	5,76
C. O. Donelson,	25,00
Warren & Carpenter,	5,20
D. H. Strong,	10,00
H. A. Harwood,	62,71
G. W. Thompson,	13,70
Wm. Martin,	22,60
A. E. Barber,	16,75
S. D. Handy,	9,00
Goodwin Roberts,	247,00
R. Merrifield,	10,00
O. J. Davenport,	35,91
Wilcox & Marcy,	19,37
J. R. Smith,	11,30
V. C. Heeley,	7,79
John Call,	10,76
H. D. Brown,	5,57
Abatements of 1870,	52,48
J. R. Smith,	9,75
Geo. W. Mirick,	18,25
E. C. Harris,	1,50
S. B. Buck,	11,75
L. Spurr,	8,00
D. N. Snow,	45,40
J. S. Bell,	21,00
Earl Shearer,	15,00
O. J. Davenport,	37,50
	<u>\$14,741,77</u>
Paid for Schools,	1,562,60
State Aid,	416,00
Feb. 24, 1872. Balance in Treasury,	3,625,45
	<u>\$18,367,22</u>

SUMMARY.**Debts Due by the Town of Colrain.**

1872.

Feb. 24. Due Franklin Savings Institute,	16,788,75
Mrs. E. H. Thompson,	473,00
Job R. Smith,	600,00
Benj. H. Sperry,	2,750,00
Thomas Barber's Estate,	424,00
William B. McGee, Jr.,	106,00
Clark Cary,	212,00
C. H. Merrill,	2,040,00
Silas W. Wheeler,	274,63
Griswoldville Mfg. Co.,	343,14
Estimated Outstanding Accounts,	1,000,00
	\$25,011,52

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

1872.

Feb. 24. Balance in the Treasury,	1,646,85
Due from Mr. Buddington,	50,00
State for State Aid,	416,00
Uncollected Taxes in hands of Collector,	3,921,71
Due from School Districts,	3,000,00
	\$9,034,56
Debt—Balance against Town above Resources,	\$15,976,96

Expenses of the Roads and Bridges for the Past Two Years.

Blandin Road and Bridges,	1,600,00
City do do	1,164,00
Shattuck Lower Bridge,	3,880,00
Elm Grove do	1,480,00
Vincent do	2,080,00
Willis do	2,110,00
Gainer Davenport do	146,00
Richard do do	100,00
Green River Expenses,	7,200,00
Morris Pierce Bridge—near his mill,	245,00
Shattuck Upper Bridge and Road,	2,430,00
City Bridge,	247,00
	\$22,632,00

JOSEPH GRISWOLD, }
 SILAS W. WHEELER, } Selectmen.

Colrain, Feb. 24, 1872.

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FINANCES OF COLRAIN, 1872-3.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in the hands of the Treasurer on Settlement Feb. 24th, 1872,	1,646,85
Received of Franklin Savings Institution,	1,000,00
“ B. H. Sperry,	3,400,00
“ Dr. Smith,	100,00
“ for Oxen sold,	715,00
“ on account of State Aid 1871,	293,33
“ “ Corporation Tax,	5,75
“ “ Dog License,	93,70
“ of C. S. Hillman,	348,00
“ H. C. Winchester,	8,50
“ from State School Fund,	163,32
“ Collector on Tax of 1871,	3,921,71
“ “ “ 1872,	7,120,94
	\$18,817,10
The Treasurer has paid for all purposes,	\$17,916,30

There has been paid on account of Roads,		
Bridges, Plank and Oxen,		\$3,477,27
Of which was paid for Railing,	400,00	
Plank	111,21	
Bridge and Abutments at Adamsville,	416,50	
Other Bridges,	17,25	
New Road near Mrs. Clark's,	420,00	
" near Mr. Call's,	55,00	
Cash received for Oxen,	715,00	2,134,96

 1,342,31

Making the ordinary expense of maintaining the Highways,		\$1,342,31
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Paid State Tax, 1,140,00, County do 1,335,94,	2,475,94	
Schooling,	1,892,94	
State Aid,	324,00	

Paid Damage on Highways :—

H. A. Scott,	50,00	
J. R. Jeffords,	3,50	
Dr. Harvey,	1,250,00	
A. Shippee,	63,86	1,367,36
Paid S. O. Lamb Council in case of Dr. Harvey,	75,00	
Paid on Town Debt Principal and Interest,	5,613,79	
for the support of Paupers,	682,16	

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Clerk and Treasurer,	50,00	
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SELECTMENS' BILL.

S. W. Wheeler,	111,00	
D. Wilson,	73,00	
Wm. Stewart,	36,00	220,00

ASSESSORS' BILL.

J. S. Bell,	72,00	
L. Spurr,	28,00	
D. L. Smith,	50,00	150,00

SCHOOL COMMITTEES' BILL.

O. J. Davenport,	33,00	
H. Smith,		
D. Snow,	43,70	76,70

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COLLECTOR'S BILL.

H. A. Howard for 1871,	100,00
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SEXTONS' BILLS.

T. C. Shearer,	46,00	
O. H. Taylor,	2,00	
L. B. Donelson,	12,00	
L. D. Smith,	30,00	90,00

SUMMARY.

Due Franklin Savings Institution,	12,500,00
C. S. Hillman,	938,00
B. H. Sperry,	3,400,00
C. H. Merrill,	2,000,00
T. Barber's Estate,	300,00
C. S. Cary,	200,00
Horace Smith,	100,00
Estimated Outstanding Accounts,	300,00

247380
\$26798,00

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

1873

Feb. 22. Balance in the Treasury,	900,80
Due from Mr. Buddington,	50,00
from State for State Aid,	324,00
Uncollected Taxes in hands of Collector,	7,580,27
Due from School Districts,	3,000,00
	<u>\$11,855,07</u>

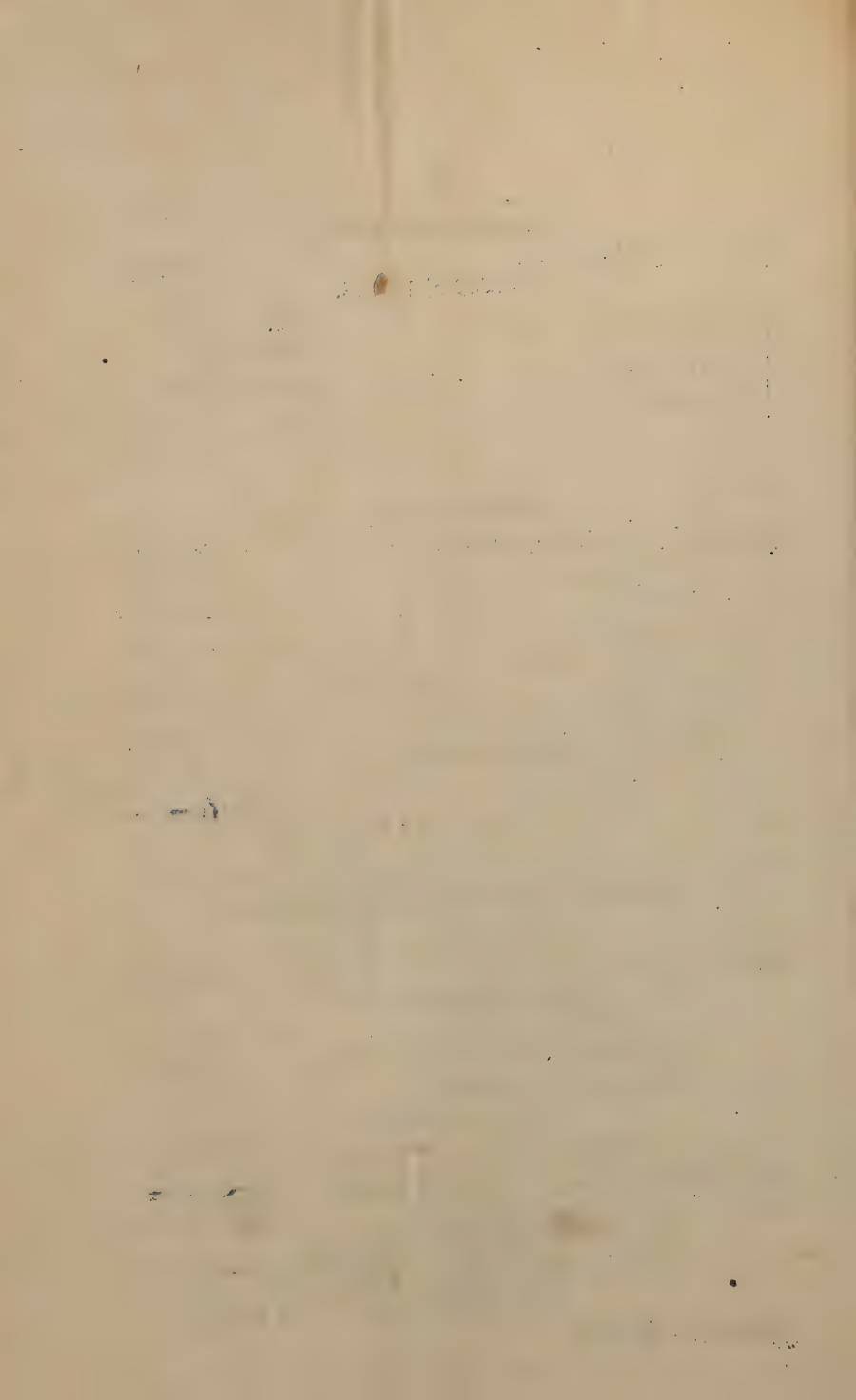
Debt—Balance against Town above Resources,	<u>\$18,582,93</u>
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Respectfully submitted,

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SILAS W. WHEELER,	} Selectmen of Colrain.
DENNIS WILSON,	
WM. STEWART,	

Colrain, Feb. 22, 1873.



FINANCES OF COLRAIN, 1873-4.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in the hands of the Treasurer on settlement Feb. 22d, 1873,	\$900,80
Rec'd on account of Dog License of 1872,	75,93
do do State Paupers,	12,25
do do School Books of O. J. Davenport,	36,47
Cash borrowed of Dennis Wilson,	100,00
Rec'd on account of State Aid,	254,67
do do Corporation Tax,	111,22
do do National Bank Tax,	246,76
do do J. B. Clark for Oxen,	195,00
do do Schools from Charlemont,	20,00
from the town of Leyden on account of a Pauper,	25,00
on account of Dog License of 1873,	100,34
do do State School Fund,	159,66
do do do Paupers,	10,00
from Collector on Tax of 1872,	6,915,04
do do do 1873,	10,529,21
	\$19,692,35
The Treasurer has paid for all Purposes,	\$19,463,83
There has been paid on account of Roads, Bridges, Plank and Oxen,	\$5,214,16
Of which was paid for New Road at Foun- dry Village,	\$231,02
Fortifying road above Pierce Mill,	41,00
do do near L. A. Brigham's,	75,00

Filling at Bridge at Shattuckville,	98,00	
Plank,	295,00	
Covering two Bridges,	190,00	
Railing,	200,00	
Cash received for Oxen,	355,00	
Paid bills for repairing Roads, 1872,	234,59	
for breaking Roads, 1872,	622,13	
do do 1873,	90,75	
do repairing four large Bridges,	200,00	2,632,49
Making the ordinary expenses of the High- ways and Bridges,		\$2,581,67
Abatements,		812,41
Furniture and Repairing Town Hall,		182,35
Paid State Tax, 1,282,50, County do 1,558,43,	\$2,840,93	
do Aid,	240,00	
Schools,	2,394,48	
School Houses,	3,117,08	
do House Furniture,	695,51	
Paid damages on Highways,	80,00	
S. O. Lamb, counsel of the Assessors vs. Gris- woldville Mf. Co.,	68,00	
Aiken & Hopkins,	4,00	
W. Griswold,	5,00	
Paid in the case of the appeal of the Griswold- ville Mf. Co., counsel,	140,00	
Witnesses,	60,00	
H. Smith, Services and expenses,	63,00	
D. L. Smith, do do	10,25	
		\$273,25

Paid on Town Debt, Principal and Interest,	\$2,495,11	
for Recording Marriages, Births and Deaths,	28,30	
for Support of the Poor,	743,40	

Town Officers' Bills.

Clerk and Treasurer,	\$50,00
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SELECTMEN'S BILLS.

Wm. Stewart,	49,00	
D. Wilson,	78,25	
J. B. Clark,	76,00	\$203,25
S. W. Wheeler, 1872,		\$11,00

ASSESSORS' BILLS.

S. D. Handy,	42,50	
T. C. Shearer,	70,30	
T. Purrington,	56,25	\$169,05

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S BILLS.

O. J. Davenport,	54,00	
H. Smith,	53,00	
J. M. Miller,	42,82	\$149,82
D. W. Snow, bill of 1872,		\$9,00

SEXTONS' BILLS.

T. C. Shearer,	8,00	
L. D. Smith,	16,00	
A. B. Nelson,	10,00	
C. H. Taylor,	6,00	
L. B. Donolson,	8,00	\$48,00

HEARSEMAN.

T. C. Shearer,	\$30,00
Printing Report,	\$20,00

SUMMARY.

Due Franklin Savings Institution,	17,500,00
B. H. Sperry,	3,400,00
C. S. Merrill,	2,000,00
C. S. Hillman,	385,00
C. S. Cary,	200,00
Estimated debts of the Town,	400,00
	\$23,885,00

Resources of the Town.

Balance in the Treasury,	228,52
in the hands of the Collector on Tax of 1872,	665,23
do do do 1873,	4,707,70
Due from State for State Aid,	240,00
the Town for Oxen Sold,	160,00
	\$6,001,45

Balance against the Town above Resources,	\$17,883,55
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Respectfully submitted,

WM. STEWART,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
DENNIS WILSON,	
JOSEPH B. CLARK,	

of Colrain.

FINANCES OF COLRAIN, 1874-5.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in the Treasury, Feb. 23d, 1874,	\$228 52
Rec'd on account of Dog License,	109 17
" for Oxen,	161 35
Cash borrowed of J. B. Clark and E. Shearer,	400 00
Rec'd on account of Corporation Tax,	112 59
" " State Aid,	240 00
" " Bank Tax,	235 10
" " School Fund,	278 78
" Fees in the case of Faulkner vs. the Town,	2 54
" " " Bell "	10 96
" from the town of Heath on account of Paupers,	13 94
" for the use of Derrick,	3 50
" from Collector on Tax of 1872,	777 33
" " " 1873,	2,797 31
" " " 1874,	12,233 63
	\$ 17,604 72

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for breaking Roads previous to Feb. 22d, 1874,	\$288 94
for repairing " " "	351 97
on account of Morrison Bridge,	152 17
for Plank and Timber for other Bridges,	244 74

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Paid for Railing Timber,	137 48
breaking Roads 1874-5,	89 67
Ordinary expense of Highways in 1874,	2,514 97
Abatements,	73 37
for Repairs on Town Hall,	21 98
Guide Boards,	30 00
Expressage ; Recording Marriages, Births & Deaths,	38 45
for repairing Hearse,	1 90

Paid State Tax, 1,140.00 ; County do 1,558.59.	2,698 59
for State Aid,	240 00
Schools—Teachers and Board,	2,734 82
School Houses,	502 66
Fuel for Schools,	200 96
Furniture for School Houses,	190 60

Paid Damage on Highways :—

W. A. Hutchins,	3 00	
A. Shippee,	3 50	
S. M. Long,	10 00	16 50

Paid S. T. Field counsel,	27 00
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Paid on Town Debt Principal and Interest,	2,751 96
for support of the Poor,	1,025 73
Orders of former years,	444 67
Discount on Taxes,	682 27
Miscellaneous Bills,	40 00

Town Officers' Bills.

Clerk and Treasurer,	50 00
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SELECTMEN'S BILL.

J. B. Clark,	89 54	
Earl Shearer,	40 50	
G. H. Phillips,	46 00	176 04

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ASSESSORS' BILL.

J. S. Bell,	60	62	
T. Purrington,	69	26	
J. D. Miller,	64	48	194 36

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S BILL.

O. J. Davenport,	10	00	
H. Smith,	64	50	
J. M. Miller,	22	25	
O. B. Curtis,	19	00	115 75

SEXTONS' BILL.

A. B. Nelson,	20	00	
L. D. Smith,	59	00	
T. C. Shearer,	4	00	83 00

HEARSEMAN.

T. C. Shearer,	52	50
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COLLECTOR.

H. A. Howard for 1872,	84	00
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		\$16,257 05
Balance in the Treasury Feb. 20th, 1875,		1,347 67
		\$17,604 72

SUMMARY.

Due Franklin Savings Bank,	17,500 00
“ B. H. Sperry,	3,400 00
“ C. H. Merrill,	2,000 00
“ C. S. Cary,	200 00
Unsettled demands against the Town estimated,	300 00
	\$23,400 00

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Balance in the Treasury Feb. 20th 1875,	1,347 67
Unpaid Taxes of 1873,	1,910 39
“ “ 1874,	3,215 95
Due from the State on account of State Aid,	240 00
“ “ “ Paupers,	35 00
	\$6,749 01
Balance against Town above Resources,	\$16,650 99

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH B. CLARK,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
EARL SHEARER,	
GEO. W. PHILLIPS,	

of
Colrain.

Colrain. Feb. 20, 1875.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN,
TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE
TOWN OF COLRAIN,
FOR 1875-76.



GREENFIELD, MASS.
FRANKLIN PRINTING OFFICE, (FIELD & HALL).
1876.

FINANCES OF COLRAIN, 1875-6.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in the treasury, Feb. 20th, 1875	\$1,347 67	
From the town of Charlemont.....	28 00	
“ “ Shelburne.....	4 00	
“ Mrs. Townsend.....	14 50	
“ on account of Corporation tax.....	7 23	
“ “ State aid.....	228 67	
“ “ State paupers.....	35 00	
“ “ Bank tax.....	262 21	
“ “ School fund.....	265 76	
“ L. W. Sumner, for derrick.....	12 00	
“ on account of dog tax.....	80 43	
“ from the town of Greenfield.....	49 00	
“ collector, on tax of 1873.....	2,236 62	
“ “ “ 1874.....	3,221 95	
“ “ “ 1875.....	7,224 27	
“ temporary loan	803 12	
		\$15,820 43

DISBURSEMENTS.

1873.

Discount on taxes for the year.....	\$720 34	\$720 34
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1874-5.

School Bills for the year.....	\$630 01	\$630 01
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HIGHWAYS.

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS, 1874.			
M. Pierce.....	\$21 75	J. Cone, Jr.	\$1 60
C. Roberts.....	6 00	J. D. Miller.....	2 00
S. W. Wheeler.....	8 00	J. A. Dwight.....	2 00
C. F. White.....	2 00	C. W. Shattuck.....	70 41
T. S. Lincoln.....	3 40	S. D. Handy.....	40 70
J. Carpenter.....	3 00	S. B. Smith.....	47 60
L. Purrington.....	5 00	L. Sprague.....	2 00
J. H. Babbitt.....	3 00	D. F. Dutton.....	5 45
			\$223 91

OPENING ROADS.

H. W. Thompson.....	\$10 40	A. Shippin	\$2 00
A. Nichols.....	10 00	W. Hillman.....	5 40
J. Cone, Jr.....	2 40	L. Spurr.....	4 00
B. Bardwell.....	4 50	J. B. Cromack	15 00
A. Cook	1 25	E. B. Stewart.....	7 20
G. D. Stetson.....	1 00	C. H. Steel.....	9 40
N. G. Lake	22 65	J. Coombs.....	3 30
J. W. Burrington.....	4 50	H. S. Browning.....	7 00
F. Jeffords.....	95	C. & J. Vincent	2 00
E. Shearer.....	9 15	O. White.....	5 00
Wm. Martin.....	3 00	J. S. Bell.....	5 70
A. Stewart	4 50	T. R. Shearer.....	2 55
L. Davenport.....	10 00	T. Smead.....	3 20
E. Pike.....	9 00	W. & G. H. Stewart.....	16 40
L. Shearer.....	8 20	C. F. White.....	9 00
W. A. Upton.....	12 45	D. W. Snow.....	13 00
J. H. Babbitt.....	25 80	E. F. Copeland.....	7 00
L. W. Babbitt	2 40	T. C. Shearer.....	4 50
S. D. Handy.....	15 00	M. A. Thompson	3 60
D. Galvin.....	12 00	J. D. Noyes.....	25 65
J. S. Tenny	10 35	H. M. Peterson.....	3 00
J. E. Bowen.....	16 20	E. Bardwell.....	4 70
G. H. Phillips.....	25 00	G. W. Miller.....	4 50
			\$383 80

1875-6.

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

C. Davenport.....	\$13 00	J. A. Dwight.....	\$18 00
O. J. Davenport.....	29 00	H. Lester.....	1 25
E. B. Stewart.....	17 50	C. W. Shattuck.....	20 00
R. S. Fairbanks	20 60	A. Dodge.....	4 00
J. Carpenter.....	11 00	G. W. Miller.....	24 00
D. L. Smith.....	37 45	W. & G. H. Stewart	38 60
J. Coombs	25 00	J. R. Farnsworth	8 00
C. W. Masham	8 00	J. P. Bell.....	6 50
D. Galvin.....	8 00	O. Houghton.....	28 00
J. Tatro.....	11 90	T. R. Miller.....	4 50
R. J. Donelson.....	18 00	D. Cary.....	4 00
L. D. Smith.....	34 00	L. Purrington.....	21 60
G. H. Phillips.....	56 00	T. S. Lincoln.....	5 00
Bell & Miner.....	8 00	H. A. Scott	8 40
J. Cone, Jr.....	28 90	H. S. Browning	4 25
A. A. Smith.....	8 00	O. H. Taylor	2 00
Griswold Mfg. Co.	8 00	M. A. Thompson.....	20 40
C. W. Smith.....	13 00	J. W. Burrington.....	4 00
J. J. Dwight.....	14 00	L. W. Stratton.....	6 00
G. A. White.....	8 30	W. A. Upton.....	11 00
C. F. White.....	11 40	E. Bardwell.....	10 22
C. H. Steel.....	39 00	O. Call.....	4 00
G. R. Jeffords	14 00	L. White.....	2 00
Roberts & Brown.....	18 60	Barber & Gates	3 00
E. F. Copeland.....	15 75	C. Simons.....	20 60
C. S. Cary.....	9 20	Wm. A. Davis.....	2 00
F. Tatro.....	13 56	G. W. Thompson	4 00
O. White.....	23 00	C. W. & F. Smith.....	17 20
		R. Cobb.....	4 00
		Wm. Coombs	6 50

G. A. Thompson.....	\$12 00
U. Bradley.....	10 00
J. D. Noyes.....	26 00
H. M. Peterson.....	11 75
E. Shearer.....	26 80
M. M. Johnson.....	5 00
T. Smead.....	6 00
J. B. Clark.....	12 82
N. G. Lake.....	5 00
J. White.....	2 00
C. & J. Vincent.....	18 10
J. Carr.....	2 00
A. B. Nelson.....	9 00
Wm. Martin.....	17 00
J. S. Ball.....	26 80
S. N. Wilson.....	4 00
L. Davenport.....	22 80
H. B. Miller.....	5 40
E. Green.....	12 00
L. Spurr.....	7 00
J. B. Clark.....	168 61
N. S. Harris.....	2 00
H. W. Thompson.....	10 00
R. J. Smith.....	50
J. S. Vincent.....	2 00
N. M. Walden.....	8 00
C. Call.....	12 00
H. P. Carr.....	2 00
J. Call.....	9 60
E. Pike.....	6 00
J. H. Vincent.....	2 00
J. E. Bowen.....	7 20
N. Joy.....	2 00
E. B. Smith.....	20 07
A. Nichols.....	12 00
A. Shippee.....	3 00
C. N. Carpenter.....	5 00
L. F. Shearer.....	2 75
H. W. Miner.....	14 75
C. B. Denison.....	18 60
L. Shearer.....	11 55
R. E. Blodgett.....	20 50
F. L. Brown.....	4 00
E. J. Burrington.....	21 35
S. D. Handy.....	20 30
T. McDonald.....	8 00
A. L. Burrington.....	6 00
A. Stewart.....	26 10
A. C. Smith.....	52 80
D. Snow.....	21 50
J. L. Clarke.....	2 00
O. M. Gains.....	1 75
J. M. Miller.....	10 40
H. Kemp.....	12 35
S. P. Avery.....	8 00
S. B. Buck.....	9 00
J. B. Cromack.....	4 00
B. Bardwell.....	50
S. W. Wheeler.....	40 50

S. B. Smith.....	\$6 00
T. C. Shearer.....	20 20
J. R. Smith.....	7 00
M. Pierce.....	18 00
S. G. Davenport.....	18 75
J. Lombard.....	2 00
Z. J. Dunton.....	2 00
J. S. Tenny.....	2 00
T. Purrington.....	11 20
A. A. White.....	4 00
H. S. Purrington.....	2 00
W. Hillman.....	6 60
H. Roberts.....	12 50
D. F. Thompson.....	3 00
A. W. Hinsdale.....	9 00
W. Bell.....	2 00
R. Handy.....	5 40
S. F. Warren.....	7 20
C. Townsley.....	2 00
A. P. Nelson.....	36 45
G. D. Stetson.....	2 00
O. B. Kindruk.....	24 75
D. D. Dunnell.....	9 40
M. McGee.....	8 80
H. Carr.....	1 72
B. R. Miner.....	4 00
W. A. Davis.....	2 00

\$1,895 30

TIMBER FOR RAILING, AND
LABOR.

H. F. Purrington.....	\$40 77
A. B. Nelson.....	8 73
C. F. White.....	10 23
G. H. Phillips.....	12 25
A. A. White.....	1 30
H. C. Cromack.....	7 75
F. L. Brown.....	3 10
G. A. White.....	12 00
C. H. Steel.....	10 20

\$106 33

TIMBER AND LUMBER FOR
ROADS AND BRIDGES.

M. Pierce	\$12 34
N. M. Walden	6 70
E. B. Smith	1 47
L. W. Sumner	30 00
A. W. Snow	3 00
L. Davenport	5 50
L. Spurr	23 19
O. J. Davenport	6 68
W. Bell	3 40
B. Reed	14 80
G. A. White	2 50
L. B. Clark	40 89

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DAMAGES ON HIGHWAY.

————— \$131 50

ABATEMENTS.

\$52 91

DEBTS AND INTEREST.

I, 137 50

Bills paid in the murder case of J. B. Farnsworth.

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J. B. Clark.....	36 32	
H. A. Howard.....	29 00	
H. B. Miller.....	24 74	
E. Shearer.....	3 00	
		\$124 61

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

County tax.....	\$1,558 59	
State tax.....	1,140 00	
		\$2,698 59

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

J. William Wallac ~~e~~	\$135 42	
Tramps.....	21 97	
C. S. McLeond.....	6 00	
Wm. Booth.....	26 00	
Mrs. Newell.....	100 74	
O. Mather.....	82 50	
Zuba Wood.....	130 00	
G. Roberts, for sundry persons.....	116 75	
E. S. Weston, medical attendance.....	40 00	
C. Purrington.....	5 00	
Cadaret.....	2 80	
J. Newville.....	152 50	
J. Fairbanks.....	13 75	
Lydia Donelson.....	78 00	
Mrs. Davenport.....	191 02	
Lucinda Wood.....	66 00	
Miss Tisdale.....	123 00	
Sundry persons.....	37 45	
H. S. Swann, undertaker.....	41 50	
Dr. Canady, medical attendance.....	35 00	
		\$1,405 40

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Printing reports.....	\$21 00	
Stationery and postage.....	17 21	
H. A. Howard, case of bills <i>Bell</i>	9 20	
H. B. Miller, " ".....	2 50	
E. Shearer, " ".....	6 00	
D. Aiken, Counsel.....	187 23	
Guide boards.....	2 00	
E. D. Alexander.....	1 15	
A. A. Smith, storing derrick.....	2 00	
J. B. Clark, fund for town hall.....	3 00	
Costs in the case of Davenport vs. Colrain.....	344 43	
Blacksmithing.....	13 54	
J. B. Clark, perambulating town lines.....	3 00	
E. Shearer, " ".....	3 00	
J. H. Phillips, " ".....	3 00	
L. Spurr, 1 day at Greenfield.....	2 50	
H. B. Miller ~~144~~ Selectman.....	6 00	
Repairs on town hall.....	75	
H. Smith, error.....	10 00	
Expenses in the Sunderland bridge case.....	10 25	
H. B. Miller, in the case of Fall River vs. Colrain...	46 20	
		\$692 96

SCHOOLS.

Teachers, 1875—76.....	\$2,064 00	
Fuel and sundries for schools.....	322 20	
Repairs on school houses.....	721 39	
		\$3,107 59

TOWN OFFICER'S BILLS.

A. C. Smith, town clerk and treasurer.....	\$50 00	
A. C. Smith, recording.....	31 40—	\$81 60
J. B. Clark, selectman.....	94 00	
E. Shearer, ".....	36 50	
G. H. Phillips, ".....	47 00—	177 50
J. S. Bell, assessor.....	65 00	
L. Spurr, ".....	37 50	
J. J. Dwight, ".....	32 50—	135 00
J. M. Miller, School Committee.....	35 25	
A. A. Smith, ".....	71 25	
O. B. Curtis, ".....	45 00	
H. Smith, ".....	34 50—	186 00
H. A. Howard, collector, 1873.....	75 00	
H. A. Howard, " 1874.....	125 00—	200 00
A. B. Nelson, sexton.....	10 00	
T. Shearer, ".....	12 00	
L. D. Smith, ".....	20 00	
Hearse.....	30 00—	72 00

SUMMARY.

Receipts.....		\$15,820 43
Disbursements.....	\$15,701 74	
Cash in treasury.....	118 69	
		\$15,820 43

DEBT OF THE TOWN.

Franklin Savings Institution.....	\$17,500 00	
B. H. Sperry.....	3,400 00	
Outstanding orders.....	213 09	
C. H. Merrill.....	2,000 00	
Temporary loan.....	803 12	
		\$23,916 21

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Balance in the treasury, Feb. 25th.....	\$118 69	
Due from the State, State aid.....	151 00	
Execution v. J. R. Davenport.....	175 38	
Due from rent of school house.....	30 00	
“ on tax, 1875.....	6,924 42	
“ from the State, on paupers.....	26 00	
“ from the towns of Charlemont, Shelburne and Leyden, for schools.....	40 00	
		\$7,465 49
Balance against the town above resources.....		\$16,450 72

Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH B. CLARK, } *Selectmen*
 EARL SHEARER, } *of*
 GEORGE H. PHILLIPS, } *Colrain.*

COLRAIN, February 25th, 1876.

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FINANCES OF COLRAIN,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 20, 1877.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in the Treasury, Feb. 25th, 1876,.....	\$118.69
Received cash of J. B. Clark, error,.....	14.95
“ “ on account of State Pauper,.....	26.00
“ “ “ “ of corporation tax,.....	190.47
“ “ “ “ of National Bank tax,.....	321.80
“ “ “ “ of State Aid,.....	151.00
“ “ “ “ of School Fund,.....	250.37
“ “ “ “ of tuition and rent of School Houses,.....	71.40
Received cash on account of H. O. Scott, tax of 1876,	6388.34
“ “ “ “ of H. A. Howard, tax of 1875,	5429.27
	\$12,962.29

OLD BILLS.

George H. Phillips, services as Selectman,.....	\$8.00
J. B. Clark, “ “	12.00
J. Milo Miller, School Committee,.....	18.31
G. H. Phillips, snow work,.....	2.00
Fred. Thompson, “ “	11.70
Charles Shearer and son, snow work,.....	3.00
James Kendrick “ “	3.15
Rufus Merrifield, “ “	3.15
Dennis Wilson, “ “	6.15

Samuel Starkey,	snow work,.....	3.00
J. B. Clark,	" "	4.50
Geo. R. Jeffords,	" "	16.65
D. D. Dunnell,	" "	2.77
W. A. Upton,	" "	8.00
George A. White,	" "	10.60
Henry Carr,	" "	.75
Dennis Galoin,	" "	13.12
John E. Bowen,	" "	8.70
O. H. Taylor,	" "	8.10
Arad Nichols,	" "	10.00
Elisha Pike,	" "	4.00
E. H. Copeland,	" "	3.00
J. H. Babbitt,	" "	10.00
Geo. H. Phillips,	" "	5.40
D. M. Pierce,	" "	.95
S. N. Wilson,	" "	1.00
T. C. Shearer,	" "	6.00
H. B. Miller, services,.....		12.00
E. Shearer, services as Selectman,.....		6.00
A. C. Smith, snow,.....		1.50
J. B. Clark, snow		2.25
Earl Shearer, snow, ...		3.50
S. W. Wheeler, snow		15.00
Hillman & Thompson, snow		4.95
John Vincent, snow		3.85
C. S. Hillman, snow,.....		1.95
D. D. Dunnell, work,.....		3.05
C. H. Steel, lumber and work,.....		26.45
Abel Dutton, work,.....		9.88
Seth Leonard,.....		2.00
George M. Tainter,.....		4.00
Fred. Thompson,.....		10.60
Ely Goodrich,.....		6.87
Charles Shearer and son, work,.....		8.55
George Davenport, "		12.40
E. D. Alexander, plank,.....		10.98
Lewis Shearer, work, ...		2.00
Dwight Brown, "		2.00
E. C. Harris, "		3.00
Amos Stewart, cutting ice,.....		4.25
" " timber,.....		4.24
Hezekiah Smith and son, work,.....		8.10
L. W. Babbitt, work, ...		2.00
James Kendrick, work,.....		2.00

Dennis Wilson, work,	15.17
Levi Sprague, "	3.50
David Dunnell, "	13.00
David Pierson, "	4.00
S. W. Call, "	1.15
Wm. and G. H. Stewart, work,	3.50
E. J. Burrington, "	6.62
Reuben Stacy, "	5.47
C. O. Denelson, "	12.00
Baxter Bardwell, "	6.00
Nelson Joy, "	2.00
C. S. Cary, "	2.00
H. S. Browning, "	4.40
\$426.38	

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES, 1876-7.

Amasa White, labor,	\$8.10
W. A. Upton, "	2.65
S. D. Handy, "	14.25
O. B. Kendrick, "	12.27
Wells Burrington, labor,	7.50
James Kendrick, "	5.10
Uri Bradley, "	5.00
Thompson & Yeaw, labor,	9.00
Jonathan Combs, "	12.75
Charles White, "	12.00
H. A. Scott, "	19.70
Allen Burrington, "	6.00
Luke White, "	3.00
Gordon Thompson, "	8.75
Myrtle McGee, "	10.00
George Tainter, "	3.60
A. B. Nelson, "	17.75
Rufus Porter, "	5.25
George White, "	17.25
George Stetson, "	9.00
Asa Cook, "	5.25
George R. Jeffords, "	6.00
L. W. Babbitt, "	3.00
J. H. Babbitt, "	4.00

T. McDonald,	labor,.....	3.75
Amasa White,	"	3.00
Dennis Galvin,	"	6.00
Henry Carr,	"	3.75
Reuel Cobb,	"	14.00
John E. Bowen,	"	17.38
F. M. Thompson,	"	12.50
Leonard Stratton,	"	2.50
E. J. Burrington,	"	17.10
James Carpenter,	"	2.23
Henry Cromack,	"	1.50
Carroll Davenport,	"	18.00
Joel Lumbard,	"	5.00
David Wilson,	"	1.75
General Warren,	"	2.40
Warren Burrington,	"	7.20
Addison White,	"	3.75
W. A. Upton,	"	12.00
Alfred Dodge,	"	10.50
C. S. Coats,	"	1.95
O. H. Taylor,	"	8.35
Arad Nichols,	"	6.75
James S. Tenny,	"	1.50
B. R. Miner,	"	6.00
J. M. Miller,	"	5.75
Elisha Pike,	"	12.71
Thomas Purrington,	"	13.00
C. W. Smith,	"	7.50
Hosea Purrington,	"	8.50
David Pierson,	"	3.75
B. S. Myers,	"	4.00
Reuben Stacy,	"	3.50
A. Hensdale,	"	6.00
L. D. Smith,	"	15.75
T. R. Miller,	"	3.00
O. E. Miller,	"	3.00
A. L. Clark,	"	5.25
Morris Pierce,	"	3.52
D. W. Nelson,	"	3.30
J. J. Dwight,	"	5.00
Hoel Roberts,	"	9.00
Frank Brown,	"	6.00
Dennis Rice,	"	2.25
H. M. Peterson,	"	4.00
J. B. Cromack,	"	5.00

Baxter Bardwell,	labor,	23.75
E. H. Copeland,	"	17.00
J. S. Bell,	"	3.00
J. B. Clark,	"	87.58
Roberts & Brown,	"	15.50
Emmit Blodget,	"	24.00
Corridon Simons,	"	10.65
Charles Maxham,	"	5.25
Nelson Walden,	"	7.00
George Johnson,	"	1.50
Elias B. Smith,	"	10.25
J. L. Clark,	"	8.00
Charles Steel,	"	19.00
John Thompson,	"	1.50
Baxter Bardwell,	"	8.15
F. Prefontaine,	"	2.00
Nelson Joy,	"	2.00
G. H. Phillips,	"	13.75
N. G. Lake,	"	3.00
Wayne Hillman,	"	3.00
L. A. Brigham,	"	3.50
Charles Call,	"	9.25
E. W. Scott,	"	2.00
B. S. Myers,	"	2.00
David Pierson,	"	2.25
A. P. Nelson,	"	12.00
Horace Kemp,	"	8.00
H. M. Underwood,	"	2.25
C. S. Cary,	"	9.75
John White,	"	1.50
D. M. Pierce,	"	3.00
S. N. Wilson,	"	3.50
G. W. Thompson,	"	2.58
William Davis,	"	3.00
T. C. Shearer,	"	4.72
Lewis Shearer,	"	27.00
H. W. Miner,	"	12.00
Charles Townsley,	"	3.00
R. E. Blodgett, new road,		30.00
Wm. Martin, work,		18.25
J. R. Smith,	"	5.25
J. J. Dwight,	"	21.00
Orin Houghton,	"	18.00
Dennis Rice,	"	4.50
Arad Shearer,	"	1.50

Joseph Charter, work,	2.75
H. S. Browning, "	15.25
Frank Thompson, work,	1.50
David Pierson, "	7.50
David L. Smith, "	51.50
J. M. Scott, "	1.65
Amos Stewart, "	23.75
O. J. Davenport, "	11.26
L. D. Smith, "	10.00
Wm. and G. H. Stewart, work,	24.25
Luther Purrington, new road,	25.00
" " <i>work</i>	9.00
Coridon Simonds, " "	2.87
C. W. Smith, " "	12.50
D. Daniels, " "	2.25
E. B. Stewart, " "	18.75
Earl Shearer, " "	16.50
A. C. Smith, " "	16.35
L. Spurr, " "	20.25
J. A. Dwight, " "	13.52
J. W. Tinkham, " "	3.40
R. E. Blodget, " "	3.00
Joel Cone, " "	8.10
N. S. Harris, " "	1.50
S. W. Wheeler, " "	26.95
Wm. Sessler, " "	4.05
R. L. Handy, " "	2.25
C. B. Denison, " "	10.75
John Call, " "	2.55
J. C. Miner, " "	3.00
Reuben Stacy, " "	2.25
A. A. Smith, " "	9.75
Hillman & Thompson, ~~new road~~ ,	26.57
J. B. Clark, " "	26.52
S. B. Buck, " "	1.95
S. B. Johnson, " "	1.05
Geo. Patterson, " "	5.00
E. C. Harris, " "	3.90
J. S. Bell, " "	3.50
Matthew Barber, " "	6.50
C. F. White, " "	3.00
John Vincent, " "	51.35
C. W. Smith, " "	14.15

 \$1490.93

TIMBER AND LABOR FOR BRIDGES.

R. R. Miner, timber,.....	\$9.00
R. Smith, labor, ...	8.75
Morris Pierce, timber,.....	29.00
D. W. Nelson, plank, ...	3.22
Eliot B. Smith, labor, ...	3.50
W. A. Davis, timber,.....	8.46
William Niles, timber,.....	6.40
A. P. Nelson, labor,.....	20.62
Wyman Tasker, labor,.....	2.00
Horace Kémp, labor,.....	2.50
C. S. Cary, labor,.....	1.97
D. M. & D. A. Pierce, plank,.....	7.20
William Davis, plank,.....	.50
Morris Pierce, timber,.....	12.00
W. Martin, timber,.....	2.00
T. D. Purrington, labor,.....	24.35
R. J. Smith, labor, ...	15.12
D. L. Smith, timber,.....	9.50
D. L. Smith, labor,.....	21.25
Amos Stewart, timber,.....	4.32
Almon Brown, labor,.....	1.50
J. B. Clark, labor,.....	13.63
John Thompson, labor,.....	1.50
Earl Shearer, timber, ...	14.08
Earl Shearer, labor,.....	4.50
A. C. Smith, lumber,.....	17.34
L. Spurr, lumber,.....	30.45
J. A. Dwight, labor,.....	3.50
T. D. Purrington, labor,.....	1.50
C. B. Dennison, labor.....	8.50
J. C. Miner, labor,.....	1.00
A. A. Smith, labor,.....	13.25
Geo. A. Brown, labor, ...	2.25
J. B. Clark, labor,.....	34.73
S. B. Buck, labor,.....	4.00
C. F. White, labor,.....	9.50

\$352.89

EXPENSE OF FOUR NEW BRIDGES.

Charles Steel, timber,.....	88.37
Wells Burrington, labor,.....	1.50

Rufus Porter, timber,.....	10.12
Samuel Starkey, timber,.....	10.12
Samuel Starkey, labor,.....	2.50
Leonard Stratton, timber,.....	12.40
Howland & Lowell, paints and oil,.....	7.35
S. Allen's Sons, iron,.....	10.65
Newell Brothers, iron,.....	22.47
William Brown, timber,.....	147.67
Stratton & Prouty, iron,.....	57.17
T. D. Purrington, labor,.....	67.00
R. J. Smith, labor,.....	93.00
W. H. Watson, boards,.....	51.88
Lemuel Clark, boards,.....	43.29
Morris Pierce, timber,.....	143.00
Morris Pierce, labor,.....	40.00
O. B. Kendrick, labor,.....	5.23
W. Sumner, plank,.....	28.42
Earl Shearer,.....	3.50
A. C. Smith, nails,.....	7.03
L. Spurr, timber,.....	49.02
J. A. Dwight,.....	10.00

\$909.69

RAILING.

J. L. Clark,.....	\$6.75
Orin Houghton,.....	3.87
D. L. Smith,.....	9.60
C. W. Smith,.....	2.50
R. L. Handy,.....	1.00
C. B. Denison,.....	1.50

\$24.22

REWARD

FOR SECURING DWIGHT AND DAVENPORT.

John E. White,.....	225.00
Bradford Davenport,.....	12.50
Woodard,.....	12.50
J. T. Gould,.....	140.00
Frank Hall,.....	10.00
Earl Shearer, expenses,.....	4.00

\$404.00

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

State Tax,.....	\$702.00
County Tax,.....	1354.17
	\$2056.17

PAID DEBTS.

Temporary loan,.....	\$809.62
	\$809.62

DAMAGE ON HIGHWAYS.

E. D. Alexander,.....	100.00
J. Wrisley, ...	9.00
Flora Underwood,.....	25.00
	\$134.00

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

Laura Davenport,.....	\$114.86
Sybil Tisdale,.....	150.00
Antis Wood and Joshua Fairbank,.....	165.50
Isabell Marthers,.....	94.75
Lydia Donelson,.....	169.50
Mrs. Newell,.....	90.80
Arula Wood,.....	96.50
One tramp,.....	1.00
E. S. Weston, physician,.....	40.00
A. C. Deane, medical attendance for Noah Roberts....	64.00
Dr. Charles L. Fisk, for same,.....	10.00
C. S. McCloud,.....	9.50
Cyrus Burrington,.....	1.68
Eliza Blanchard,.....	21.00
Sundry Paupers,.....	4.50
J. Bullock, coffin,.....	15.00

1048.59

TOWN OFFICERS—1876.

Earl Shearer, Selectman,.....	\$41.50	
J. A. Dwight, Selectman,.....	34.00	
Lorenzo Spurr, Selectman,.....	32.00	
J. S. Bell, Assessor, ...	66.00	
J. J. Dwight, Assessor.....	32.50	
H. M. Peterson,.....	26.25	
O. B. Curtis, School Committee,.....	42.50	
Arthur A. Smith, " "	61.25	
Geo. H. Stewart,.....	22.00	
A. C. Smith, Clerk and Treasurer,.....	50.00	
A. B. Nelson, Sexton, ...	14.00	
L. D. Smith, "	36.00	
T. C. Shearer, Harseman, ...	27.00	
Abatements,.....	\$63.70	\$485.00
		\$63.70

INCIDENTALS.

Field & Hall, printing School Report,.....	\$14.20	
Field & Hall, printing Town Report,.....	16.00	
Field & Hall, printing Order Blanks,.....	6.00	
Fred. Thompson, perambulating town line,.....	2.00	
C. A. Shearer, " " "	3.00	
J. S. Bell, stationery,.....	5.72	
Cost made by David Dunnell on highway,.....	13.56	
A. DeWolf, Counsel for same,.....	10.00	
Geo. W. Merrick, printing,.....	5.00	
A. C. Smith, Bernardston, with votes,.....	3.00	
A. C. Smith, recording births, deaths and marriages,	24.35	
A. C. Smith, stationery and stamps,.....	6.30	
L. Spurr, wood for Town Hall,.....	1.50	
E. Shearer, stationery,.....	3.42	
		\$114.05

INTEREST MONEY.

Franklin Savings Bank,.....	\$1006.25	
C. H. Merrill,.....	70.00	
B. H. Sperry,.....	261.80	
		\$1338.05

School Orders,.....	\$2092.68	
		\$2092.68
State Aid,.....	\$96.00	
		\$96.00

SUMMARY.

Receipts,.....	\$12,962.29	
		\$12,962.29
Disbursements, ...	\$11,845.86	
Cash in Treasury,.....	1,116.43	
		12,962.29

DEBT OF THE TOWN.

Due Franklin Savings Institution,.....	\$17,500.00	
Due B. H. Sperry,.....	3,400.00	
Due C. H. Merrill,.....	2,000.00	
Outstanding demands against the town,.....	300.00	
		\$23,200.00

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Balance in the Treasury Feb. 20th, 1877,.....	\$1,116.43	
Due from the State for State Aid,.....	96.00	
Execution vs. J. R. Davenport,.....	175.38	
Rent of School House,.....	28.00	
Due from Charlemont, Shelburne and Halifax, for schooling, ...	34.64	
Balance of Tax of 1875,.....	1,495.15	
Balance of Tax of 1876,.....	4,990.84	
Due from the State on account of pauper,.....	41.00	
		\$7,977.44

Balance against the town above resources,..... \$15,222.56

Respectfully submitted,

EARL SHEARER,
J. A. DWIGHT,
LORENZO SPURR,

} *Selectmen
of
Colrain.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the above accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer, and find them to be correct and properly vouched for.

WM. W. CARY.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN AND TREASURER

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE

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FINANCES OF COLERAINE,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 20, 1878.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in the treasury Feb. 20, 1877.....	\$ 1,116 23
Received on account of dog fund in 1875.....	89 75
“ “ “ “ corporation tax.....	166 56
“ “ “ “ bank tax.....	252 28
“ “ “ “ state aid.....	96 00
“ “ “ “ dog fund in 1877.....	91 90
“ “ “ “ tuition and rent of school house.....	56 35
“ for use of report.....	20 00
“ “ “ “ derrick.....	5 00
“ from the state school fund.....	237 04
“ “ “ society at Griswoldville....	25 56
“ “ H. A. Howard, collector in 1875.....	1,495 15
“ “ H. O. Scott, collector in 1876.....	4,990 84
“ “ “ “ “ 1877.....	4,670 80
Total.....	\$ 13,313 46

OLD BILLS.

W. J. Tinkham, work on highway.....	\$ 1 00
Erastus Green “ “ “.....	10 00
Nelson Walden “ “ “.....	5 64
James Taintor “ “ “.....	2 00
Gordon Thompson “ “ “.....	4 00
David Davenport “ “ “.....	3 60
Baxter Bardwell “ “ “.....	2 70
Elias Bardwell “ “ “.....	27 41
David Pierson.....	1 12

C. W. Shattuck, saving.....	\$	15 39
Dwight Brown, highway.....		1 50
Thomas Smead.....		15 01
Starkey & Porter, saving.....		5 00
Lewis Shearer, bridge.....		2 50
H. A. Scott, highway.....		1 90
George Davenport ".....		4 50
Wm. Combs & Sons ".....		9 00
A. P. Nelson ".....		7 25
Arad Nichols ".....		3 50
George Thompson ".....		6 30
G. M. Tainter ".....		2 85
Levi Davenport ".....		7 17
James H. Vincent ".....		2 05
Hiram Woodard ".....		10 50
Abel Dutton ".....		6 81
O. H. Taylor ".....		1 87
M. M. Johnson ".....		19 50
J. B. Yeaw ".....		4 50
S. G. Davenport ".....		4 36
Albert Yeaw ".....		1 50
Dennis Wilson ".....		11 72
E. F. Copeland ".....		6 00
George York ".....		4 00
Joseph Vincent ".....		3 00
G. W. Miller ".....		21 30
E. B. Smith ".....		3 27
R. J. Donelson ".....		7 30
S. D. Handy ".....		8 35
W. A. Upton ".....		6 03
E. J. Burrington ".....		2 50
C. O. Donelson ".....		1 00
R. Fairbanks ".....		5 80
Frank Thompson ".....		5 00
Freman Prefontaine ".....		1 00
Hoel Roberts ".....		3 00
D. G. Pierce ".....		1 50
Samuel Avery ".....		6 00
Asa Cook ".....		1 20
G. D. Stetson ".....		1 70
Orson Call ".....		1 50
Fred Dunnell ".....		1 80
W. B. McGee ".....		1 75
J. D. Noyes ".....		26 10
D. W. Snow ".....		3 90

R. J. Donelson, Highway.....	\$ 3 00
Chas. Shearer & Son "	20 00
H. B. Miller.....	3 70
A. L. Burrington.....	1 50
Harry Bell....	6 00
F. R. Shearer.....	7 24
B. F. Miller.....	9 35
Total.....	\$ 375 94

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

George F. White. highways.....	13 60
James S. Tenny.....	5 00
J. B. Cromack.....	3 00
Geo. R. Jeffards.....	7 00
Ruel Cobb.....	2 00
John Sturtevant.....	1 20
Joshua Purrington.....	9 25
Charles Shearer & Son.....	3 90
Roberts & Brown	13 75
W. A. Upton	10 50
F. M. Thompson.....	3 70
John E. Bowen.....	10 00
N. G. Lake.....	4 50
H. B. Miller.....	29 77
Myrtle McGee.....	4 00
A. L. Burrington.....	3 00
G. H. Phillips.....	17 70
Jacob Yeaw.....	6 50
Ruel Cobb.....	2 00
John White.....	1 50
Ruel Roberts.....	4 50
Chester Coates.....	2 25
D. M. Pierce.....	1 95
J. Combs	9 00
Harry Bell	9 00
Coridon Simonds.....	5 50
H. M. Peterson.....	7 55
B. S. Myres.....	4 00
O. J. Davenport.....	12 45
Milo A. Thompson.....	10 50
J. D. Noyes.....	25 75
C. F. White.....	9 00

C. W. Muxham.....	4 80
G. A. White.....	12 00
O. E. Miller.....	3 30
Rufus Merrifield.....	3 25
E. C. Harris.....	9 00
L. Brown.....	1 50
G. W. Miller.....	13 50
Daniel Cary.....	1 50
Wm. & G. H. Stewart, river road.....	16 65
T. R. Miller.....	5 18
G. M. Tainter.....	9 00
C. S. Cary.....	13 22
Silas W. Wheeler.....	37 05
Roberts & Brown, river job.....	23 25
James Kendrick.....	2 44
A. C. Smith.....	20 88
W. A. Davis.....	2 70
N. S. Harris.....	10 35
James Vincent.....	3 85
G. A. Thompson.....	1 50
John Thompson, river job.....	17 05
H. F. Purrington.....	18 25
David Davenport.....	4 50
Caroll Davenport.....	4 50
Abel Dutton.....	10 50
Ruel Cobb.....	13 50
H. S. Browning.....	6 15
Hiram Woodard.....	12 82
David Pierson.....	5 25
Levi Davenport.....	14 34
Frank Brown.....	2 00
A. P. Nelson.....	13 70
F. M. Thompson.....	5 50
Charles Steel.....	2 50
Geo. A. Patch.....	7 20
T. C. Shearer.....	3 10
Ruel Cobb.....	7 00
Coridon Simonds.....	3 50
J. J. Dwight.....	20 70
Orson Call.....	1 50
J. M. Scott.....	24 27
J. M. Scott, river job.....	9 75
Nelson Walden.....	9 00
Charles B. Denison.....	7 95
J. S. Tenny.....	1 00

Wm. Sessler.....	4 05
Dwight Brown.....	1 50
Thomas Purrington.....	8 25
S. F. Warren.....	3 00
F. D. Conant.....	4 50
A. B. Nelson.....	11 25
Luke White.....	1 50
E. B. Smith.....	7 30
Uri Bradley.....	3 30
John Thompson.....	2 50
J. M. Miller.....	6 75
Fitch Handy.....	4 00
Morris Pierce.....	15 32
C. H. Steel.....	20 00
J. J. Dwight.....	12 00
J. E. Bowen.....	6 75
J. S. Bell.....	12 85
Arad Nichols.....	5 00
C. W. Smith.....	8 55
L. D. Smith.....	18 00
Dennis Galvin.....	7 12
W. A. Upton	6 75
O. B. Kendrick.....	10 50
G. A. Thompson.....	11 25
H. A. Scott.....	5 75
Myrth McGee.....	3 00
James Kendrick.....	8 25
J. W. Burrington.....	4 00
J. R. Smith.....	6 40
L. W. Babbitt.....	7 95
J. H. Babbitt	17 15
Roberts & Brown.....	22 00
Alfred Dodge	3 37
George Jefts.....	4 50
Otis Wood.....	2 00
J. W. Burrington.....	4 35
E. J. Burrington	15 00
J. S. Tenny.....	10 20
Abraham Tenny.....	3 00
Henry P Carr.....	4 60
O. H. Taylor.....	4 65
F. D. Dunnell.....	5 10
Seath Leonard.....	2 25
C. O. Donelson.....	3 00
Reuben Stacy.....	6 00

Uri Bradley.....	\$ 1 50
Reuben Donelson.....	10 50
Milo Thompson.....	1 50
Charles W. Smith.....	21 15
David L. Smith.....	41 98
Joel Cone.....	6 50
Geo. Thompson.....	1 50
J. C. Miner.....	1 50
Ariel Hinsdale.....	3 60
Nelson Joy.....	5 25
G. D. Stetson.....	3 15
C. & J. Vincent.....	1 60
Geo. A. White.....	9 60
Chas. White.....	5 50
Amos Stewart, Green River.....	14 25
Amos Stewart.....	3 50
Geo. R. Jeffards.....	4 20
B. Bardwell.....	3 45
Elisha Pike.....	9 65
F. B. Conant.....	3 00
Earl Shearer.....	17 75
S. N. Wilson.....	75
O. H. Taylor.....	1 90
H. A. Scott.....	1 00
Elias Bardwell.....	11 45
A. L. Burrington.....	3 00
M. M. Johnson.....	9 92
C. W. Smith.....	6 75
Dennis Wilson.....	7 25
J. A. Dwight.....	15 75
L. Spurr.....	49 00
Total.....	\$ 1,286 03

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EXPENSE OF BRIDGES.

T. R. McGee, draft for bridges.....	5 00
S. Allen's Sons, iron.....	2 50
Samuel Purrington, timber.....	6 24
Wyman Tasker, covering.....	
Fox & Lyon, bridges.....	40 00
C. L. Carpenter, lumber.....	2 87
David Pierson, plank.....	85
C. H. Steel, timber for Mill bridge.....	40 88

S. B. Buck, labor Mill bridge.....	\$ 23 37
G. W. Lamb, labor on Mill bridge.....	11 25
H. H. Prouty, iron Mill bridge.....	1 25
E. D. Alexander, plank.....	10 61
D. M. Pierce on Bell bridge.....	8 06
D. M. and J. A. Pierce, timber.....	5 38
S. D. Handy, plank and timber.....	8 32
Morris Pierce, timber for Mill bridge.....	21 68
L. D. Smith, labor.....	3 25
Milo C. Smith, iron.....	8 64
E. Williams, timber.....	3 00
Wyman Tasker, on Spurr bridge.....	8 10
B. F. Roberts, plank.....	25 00
S. W. Wheeler, plank.....	4 30
A. C. Smith, spikes.....	12 29
W. A. Davis, building Davenport bridge.....	38 16
John Thompson, timber.....	5 00
D. L. Smith, fixing bridge.....	9 00
Geo. Thompson, plank.....	2 68
H. B. Miller, timber for Spurr bridge.....	21 76
H. B. Miller, plank and timber.....	38 50
Amos Strout, plank.....	5 15
A. A. Smith, labor.....	11 95
Earl Shearer, plank.....	13 12
Earl Shearer, timber.....	6 40
J. A. Dwight, labor, Mill bridge.....	15 00
J. A. Dwight, planks, timber, and labor.....	14 00
L. Spurr, timber, plank and labor.....	37 25
Total.....	\$ 470 81

EXPENSE OF PAUPERS.

Antes Wood, in 1875.....	\$ 87 50
Sybil Tisdale.....	120 00
Elisa Newell.....	82 50
C. S. McCloud, in 1875.....	8 00
Coffins for Elisa Blanchard and Isabel Norther.....	24 10
Antes Wood.....	95 00
Cyrus Burrington.....	60 50
Joshua Fairbanks.....	45 00
Azuba Wood.....	77 50
Lauria Davenport.....	5 25
William Carolk, at reform school.....	45 00
Ira Deane, at hospital.....	45 30

C. S. McCloud.....	\$ 12 25
Horace Kately.....	5 00
Noah Roberts.....	26 00
O. H. Lamb, medical attendance.....	49 00
Tramps.....	12 00
Coffin for J. Fairbanks.....	13 50
Paid on account of Ira Dean.....	2 50
Supplies for J. Wallan.....	4 50
Total.....	\$ 820,40

RAILING.

D. W. Snow.....	\$ 11 00
H. B. Miller.....	19 75
Henry A. Scott.....	3 70
J. M. Scott.....	5 25
C. & J. Vincent.....	26 20
Total.....	\$ 65 90

NEW ROAD ORDERED BY CO. COMMISSIONERS.

Ruel Cobb.....	\$ 213 30
Chandler Vincent.....	386 95
Total.....	\$ 600 25

HIGHWAY DAMAGE.

A. W. Snow.....	\$ 11 75
Frank Shearer.....	3 00
Amasa A. White.....	10 00
Total.....	\$ 24 75

ABATEMENTS.

Sundry abatements, 1875.....	\$ 12 00
“ “ 1876.....	23 70

Schools	\$ 2,468 72
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PAID DEBTS AND INTEREST.

Franklin Savings Institution, principal.....	\$2,000 00
“ “ “ interest.....	880 00
C. H. Merrill, interest.....	142 83
B. H. Sperry, “	245 93
Total.....	\$ 3,268 76

State tax.....	\$ 585 00
County tax.....	1,172 32
Total.....	\$ 1,757 32

Paid state aid....	96 00
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TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Selectmen, Earl Shearer, 23 days.....	46 00
“ J. A. Dwight, 17 1-2 days.....	35 00
“ Lorenzo Spurr, 11 days.....	22 00
Total.....	\$ 103 00

Assessors, J. S. Bell.....	\$ 61 65
“ J. J. Dwight, 11 days.....	27 50
“ H. M. Peterson, 12 days.....	30 00
Total.....	\$ 118 75

Town clerk and Treasurer, A. C. Smith.....	\$ 50 00
School Committee, A. A. Smith, 28 days.....	\$ 70 00
“ “ O. B. Curtis, 14 days.....	35 00
“ “ Geo. Stewart.....	31 50
Total.....	\$136 50

Collector, H. A. Howard, for 1875.....	\$ 100 00
“ H. O. Scott, for 1876.....	100 00
Total.....	\$ 200 00

Sexton, T. C. Shearer.....	\$ 10 00
“ A. B. Nelson.....	2 00
“ L. D. Smith.....	20 00
Total.....	\$ 32 00

Hearseman, T. C. Shearer.....	\$ 25 50
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INCIDENTALS.

Printing town reports.....	20 80
Paid R. Fairbanks for land.....	25 00
“ Register for voters	80
“ H. B. Miller, assisting selectmen.....	4 00
“ Stationery for assessors.....	4 12
“ “ “ selectmen	2 80
“ Field & Hall, printing.....	2 00
“ fuel for town hall.....	1 50
“ Stationery, express and postage.....	6 40
“ clerk for going to Bernardston to count votes for representative.....	3 00
“ A. C. Smith, recording births, marriages and deaths....	22 60
“ Nails.....	1 09
Total.....	\$ 94 11

SUMMARY.

Receipts.....	\$ 13,313 46
Disbursements.....	12,030 44
Cash in treasury, Feb. 20, 1878	1,283 02
Total	\$ 13,313 46

DEBTS OF THE TOWN.

Due Franklin Savings institution	\$15,500 00
“ B. H. Sperry.....	3,400 00
“ C. H. Merrill... ..	2,000 00
Outstanding demands.....	400 00
Total.....	\$21,300 00

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Balance in the treasury Feb. 20, 1878.....	\$1,2083 02
Due from state on account of state aid....	96 00
“ for execution vs. J. R. Davenport.....	175 38
“ from Leyden on account of pauper.....	5 00
“ “ state on account of state pauper.....	51 00
“ the town for tuition and rent of school-house.....	40 00
“ from collector on tax of 1877.....	4,355 24
Total	\$ 6,005 64

Balance against the town above resources.....\$15,294 36

Respectfully submitted,

EARL SHEARER,	}	Selectmen of Coleraine.
J. A. DWIGHT,		
LORENZO SPURR,		

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I hereby certify that I have examined the above accounts of the selectmen and treasurer, and find them to be correct and properly vouched for.

WM. W. CARY, Auditor.

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FINANCES OF COLERAINE,

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 RECEIPTS.

Balance in the Treasury, Feb. 20, 1878,	\$1283 02
Received of B. H. Serry,	3002 25
“ from Ira Dean’s Estate,	35 50
“ “ L. C. Lincoln, License,	6 00
“ “ J. W. Wallace, “	6 00
“ “ Charlemont School,	16 50
“ for Oxen,	111 13
“ “ Rent of School-Houses,	8 40
“ “ State Paupers,	10 00
“ Town of Shelburne, Schools,	12 83
“ Corporation Tax,	29 02
“ On Account of National Bank Tax,	210 27
“ “ “ “ State Aid,	96 00
“ “ “ “ State School Fund,	232 03
“ “ “ “ Rent of Law Books,	5 00
“ “ “ “ Paupers from Leyden,	5 00
“ “ “ “ Dog Fund, 1878,	68 90
“ From Packard Bank,	500 00
“ “ H. O. Scott, Collector, 1877,	4355 24
“ “ H. O. Scott, Collector, 1878,	3727 98
	\$13721 07

DISBURSEMENTS.

Highways and Bridges of former years,

\$339 23

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES OF 1878.

Joshua Purrington,	\$2 50
Orrin Vincent,	2 00
Roberts & Brown,	23 75
David Pierson,	11 87
George A. Patch,	3 75
Charles Snow,	2 50
A. B. Nelson,	3 37
C. W. Shattuck,	6 00
Nelson Joy,	1 25
Charles Kendrick,	2 50
H. E. Maxham,	1 87
Hoel Roberts,	4 00
C. W. Maxham,	9 37
James Kendrick,	11 35
G. M. Taintor,	6 87
J. Combs,	21 50
D. W. Nelson,	6 75
Hiram Woodard,	7 50
Arad Nichols,	5 00
Abraham Tenny,	2 50
L. W. Babbit,	7 82
Asa Cook,	6 10
G. H. Phillips,	5 50
N. G. Lake,	2 62
R. C. Porter,	5 94
O. B. Kendrick,	5 00
Osias Miller,	1 87
Henry Carr,	2 50
Dennis Geloin,	6 22
A. C. Burrington,	5 00
Samuel Warren,	1 25
D. M. Pierce,	2 00
C. S. Coats,	1 87
Luke White,	1 87
Harry Bell,	7 50
Elial B. Smith,	17 67
Griswold Manufacturing Co.,	15 67
H. W. Carr,	6 25
A. A. Smith,	12 52
Frank Brown,	3 40
George Thompson,	1 25
J. S. Bell,	5 00
H. B. Miller,	19 62

J. E. Bowen,	\$2 50
George R. Jeffards,	6 12
N. S. Harris,	21 00
George D. Stetson,	5 37
George A. White,	21 25
Newton Carpenter,	2 00
Dennis Wilson,	3 12
W. A. Upton,	17 80
G. A. Thompson,	6 87
Milo Thompson,	13 75
B. S. Myres,	6 35
Corridon Simonds,	9 00
J. J. Dwight,	7 50
J. D. Noyes,	16 87
J. W. Burrington,	8 00
F. M. Thompson,	9 65
Alfred Dodge,	7 50
Myrtle McGee,	4 25
H. M. Peterson,	2 50
Burr Myers,	2 70
Joseph Charter,	1 50
C. S. Cary,	14 62
O. H. Taylor,	5 00
Uri Bradley,	5 10
Joel Cone, Jr.,	15 50
Frank Bradley,	1 25
C. H. Steel,	12 25
E. J. Burrington,	1 50
J. M. Miller,	6 25
G. A. Patch,	1 25
N. S. Harris,	1 87
C. Kendrick,	1 87
Roberts & Brown,	11 25
David Davenport,	7 08
J. W. Carpenter,	18 12
J. W. Rugg,	5 00

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES OF 1878-9.

Josiah Purrington,		After Freshet.
Fred Kendrick,		\$6 50
H. L. Picket,		3 43
Luke White,	\$1 00	5 50
Henry Clish,		3 12
H. A. Howard,	2 50	
H. M. Underwood,		5 00
Frank Thompson,	1 25	10 12

		After Freshet.
Thomas Purrington,	\$10 00	\$8 75
G. W. Miller,	12 00	4 00
C. F. White,	13 12	22 25
E. B. Stewart, .	16 25	8 50
H. F. Purrington,	8 72	10 25
A. H. Hensdale,	5 52	
Daniel Cary,		2 00
George Johnson,		4 00
Wm. and G. H. Stewart,	24 76	
J. M. Scott,	7 50	6 99
James Kendrick,	4 37	
Frank Thompson,		10 08
F. D. Conant,	8 00	4 50
J. F. Vincent,	3 25	7 00
Chester Smith,	7 50	5 00
Wells Burrington,	2 50	
S. W. Burrington,		6 12
N. L. Brown,		4 12
G. A. Thompson,	2 00	15 82
R. C. Porter,	4 55	6 50
G. M. Taintor,	2 00	8 92
J. R. Smith,	2 50	5 75
G. E. Yeaw,	10 00	
Corridon Simonds,	6 70	
W. S. Tasker,		8 12
John Galoin,	1 68	
Baxter Bardwell,	1 25	
David Pierson,		8 00
Burr Myres,		5 62
J. B. Cromck,	10 62	22 50
Caroll Vincent,	1 87	
J. W. Rugg,		13 10
Alfred Dodge,		9 00
Fred Smith,		11 75
Lorenzo Spurr,	25 00	
S. B. Buck,		6 25
B. S. Myres,		13 25
Ruel Cobb,		32 60
C H. Steel,		15 30
C. S. Cary,		18 43
J. M. Scott,		8 63
J. L. Clark,		1 00
Frank Smith,		4 50
Horace Kemp,	4 00	3 82
James F. McLellan,	13 92	

		After Freshet.
Abel Dutton,		\$17 81
Henry Smith,		16 25
C. O. Donelson,		16 00
O. M. Gaines,	\$15 49	
Wm. Combs and Sons,	8 75	
S. B. Johnson,	1 87	
Erastus Green,	5 75	
Nelson Walden,	18 12	9 00
J. C. Miner,	2 50	2 75
J. B. Clark,	17 78	21 36
E. B. Smith,		2 65
N. Purrington,	4 50	
L. D. Smith,		10 50
John Vincent,	25 93	33 65
H. M. Peterson,		9 00
C. N. Carpenter,		4 01
Samuel Warren,		87
James H. Vincent,	6 87	32 37
Josiah Tenny,	4 50	9 00
Asa Cook,		4 00
S. W. Wheeler,	21 75	25 05
Dennis Galoin,		7 59
Joshua Purrington,		15 00
O. B. Kendrick,		14 75
G. A. Patch,		13 75
C. A. Shearer,	1 25	
Hiram Woodward,	10 00	
H. A. Scott,	4 05	5 50
C. S. Cary,	2 00	8 75
H. C. and C. H. Cromack,	5 00	18 53
Amos Stewart,	7 50	3 00
Amos Stewart, Green River,	11 90	
R. T. Miller,		8 75
C. W. Maxham,	3 00	
Lester Fish,	1 25	
A. C. Smith,	31 01	16 37
Herbert Barr,		6 50
A. B. Nelson,	11 49	
A. A. Smith,	18 00	18 93
O. H. Taylor,	4 00	
Arthur Miner,		5 74
George Purrington,		8 00
David W. Nelson,	3 00	1 21
Fitch Lanfair,	2 00	
Uri Bradley,		3 00

		After Freshet.
J. J. Dwight,		\$5 00
H. E. Maxham,		3 18
J. J. Dwight,	\$8 34	
W. W. Cary,		1 00
O. J. Davenport,	17 02	6 25
J. W. Tinkham,	2 25	2 75
J. S. Bell,		7 62
Roberts & Brown,		17 83
C. H. Steel,		24 02
Levi Davenport,	15 24	4 60
Earl Shearer,	24 90	23 00
J. A. Dwight,	19 11	12 75
Lorenzo Spurr,		77 50
Total,	\$1114 46	\$911 43

PLANK AND TIMBER FOR BRIDGES, 1878-9.

David Pierson, Plank,	\$1 00
T. R. McGee, Labor,	2 00
L. D. Smith, Timber,	10 23
S. B. Buck, Labor,	3 00
C. W. Shattuck, Lumber,	1 53
James Kendrick, Labor,	1 10
Morris Pierce, Plank,	8 36
D. W. Nelson, Timber,	9 05
O. B. Kendrick "	5 00
Griswold Manufacturing Co., Timber,	3 56
George W. Thompson, "	2 00
H. B. Miller, "	7 97
George W. Spurr, Labor,	19 00
G. W. Miller, Timber,	2 12
E. B. Stewart, Timber,	9 62
E. B. Stewart, Leyden B.	3 00
R. C. Porter,	60
Lorenzo Spurr, Lumber,	20 24
George Thompson, Lumber,	2 50
J. B. Clark, Lumber,	9 27
E. B. Smith, Labor,	12 47
E. B. Smith, Plank,	10 03
C. N. Carpenter, Plank,	3 26
S. W. Wheeler, "	1 90
T. R. Shearer, "	2 00
A. Stewart, "	6 03
E. D. Alexander,	3 00

O. J. Davenport, Timber,	\$10 59
O. J. Davenport, Plank,	14 45
Roberts & Brown, Plank,	2 50
C. H. Steel, Plank,	25 98
Earl Shearer, Plank,	16 25
Earl Shearer, Iron, Powder and Fuse,	8 85
J. A. Dwight, Labor,	9 50
J. A. Dwight, Plank,	7 41
Lorenzo Spurr,	3 33
Total,	\$258 84

COST OF SPURR BRIDGE.

Paid	Turners Falls Lumber Co.,	\$86 56
"	W. L. Tasker, Labor,	21 90
"	S. B. Buck, "	51 75
"	Lorenzo Spurr, "	29 00
"	Earl Shearer, Driving Lumber,	5 00
"	J. B. Cromack, "	34 17
"	S. Allen's Sons, Iron,	29 17
"	L. W. Stratton, "	17 00
	Total,	\$274 55

RAILING.

Paid	E. B. Stewart,	\$7 65
"	Griswold Manufacturing Co.,	4 70
"	H. B. Miller,	21 60
"	John Vincent,	9 68
	Total,	\$43 63

HIGHWAY DAMAGES.

Paid	L. W. Stratton, 1877,	\$6 00
"	Dr. Canady, "	200 00
"	Milo Thompson "	85 00
"	George A. White, 1878,	160 00
"	O. M. Gaines,	5 00
"	Morris Pierce,	15 00
"	J. A. Dwight, Keeping Ox,	3 50
	Total,	\$474 50

ABATEMENTS.

Paid	Sundry Abatements, 1877,	\$79 34
"	" " " 1878,	32 83
Total,		\$112 17

PAID DEBTS.

Paid	Franklin Savings Institution,	\$4000 00
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PAID INTEREST.

Paid	Franklin Savings Institution,	\$733 19
"	B. H. Sperry,	212 50
"	C. H. Merrill,	110 00
"	Packard National Band,	11 39
Total,		\$1067 08

Paid	County Tax,	\$1083 33
"	State " "	390 00
"	State Aid,	96 00
"	Expense of Schools,	2121 85
		\$3691 18

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid for	Antis Wood,	\$100 00
"	" Azuba Wood,	75 00
"	" Cyrus Burrington,	43 48
"	" Sybil Tisdale,	120 00
"	" C. H. Lamb, Medical Attendance,	46 00
"	" Eliza Newell,	60 00
"	" H. S. Swan, Coffin for Eliza Newell,	12 00
"	" W. Carroll, at Reform School,	39 00
"	" James Baker,	18 40
"	" Ira Deane,	42 73
"	" Davenport Family,	10 00
"	" O. M. Gaines, Keeping Tramps, 1877,	3 00
"	" " " " " 1878,	5 75
"	" Carrie Jefts,	30 90
"	" Charles CcCloud,	2 85
Cash paid for Sundry Paupers,		6 90

Total, \$616 01

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Selectman, Earl Shearer,	\$48 00	
“ J. A. Dwight,	29 00	
“ Lorenzo Spurr,	20 00	
		\$97 00
Assessor, J. S. Bell,	\$52 00	
“ J. J. Dwight,	35 00	
“ H. M. Peterson,	28 00	
		115 00
School Committee, G. H. Stewart,	\$29 00	
“ O. B. Curtis,	35 00	
		64 00
Treasurer, A. C. Smith,		40 00
Collector, H. O. Scott, Tax of 1877,		125 00
Sextons, A. B. Nelson,	\$4 50	
“ L. D. Smith,	16 00	
“ T. C. Shearer,	4 00	
		24 50
Hearseman, T. C. Shearer,		28 50
Total,		\$494 00

INCIDENTALS.

Paid Printing Town Report,	\$20 80	
“ “ Tax Bills of 1877,	6 00	
“ “ “ “ 1878,	6 00	
“ “ Order Book,	4 00	
“ A. C. Smith, recording Births and Deaths, 1877,	5 25	
“ Wm. W. Cary, Auditor, 1876, and 1877,	4 00	
“ S. T. Field, services in Fall River case,	25 00	
“ Stationery for Assessors,	5 05	
“ H. B. Miller, assisting Selectmen,	2 00	
“ A. C. Smith, Powder and Fuse,	4 64	
“ “ “ Nails,	7 17	
“ “ “ Recording Deaths,	5 25	
“ “ “ “ Marriages,	2 70	
“ “ “ “ Births,	16 50	
“ “ “ Express, Stationery and Postage,	5 13	
“ “ “ Carrying Votes to Bernardston,	2 50	
“ “ “ Use of Sleigh for Hearse,	1 00	
“ Earl Shearer, Town Warrant Blanks,	1 00	
“ Earl Shearer, Express, Stationery, and Postage,	2 65	
		\$126 64

SUMMARY.

Receipts,		\$13,721 07
Disbursements,	\$13,523 72	
Cash in Treasury, Feb. 20, 1879,	197 35	
		\$13,721 07

DEBT OF THE TOWN.

Due Franklin Savings Institution,	\$11,500 00	
“ B. H. Sperry,	6,400 00	
“ C. H. Merrill,	2,000 00	
“ Packard National Bank,	500 00	
Outstanding Demands,	300 00	
		\$20,700 00

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Balance in the Treasury, Feb. 20, 1879,	\$197 35	
Due from State on account of State Aid,	96 00	
“ the Town for Tuition and Rent of School Houses,	25 00	
“ from Collector on Tax of 1878,	3,962 66	
		\$4,281 01
Balance against the town above resources,		\$16,418 99

Respectfully submitted,

EARL SHEARER,	} SELECTMEN
J. A. DWIGHT,	
LORENZO SPURR,	
	OF
	COLERAINE.

I hereby certify that I have examined the above accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer, and find them to be correct and properly vouched for.

WM. W. CARY, AUDITOR.

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1878-9.



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REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS :

According to time honored custom, and also, in conformity with the laws of this Commonwealth, the School Committee of Colrain having prepared a detailed report of the public schools in town for the year ending April 1st, 1879, hereby respectfully submit the same for your consideration.

We may say that the schools for the most part have been quite satisfactory, although there have been instances where they did not come up to the standard, and your committee can but regret that any money should be expended without bringing a proper return.

Our teachers, with few exceptions, have been ladies and gentlemen of experience in the school room, and have thoroughly understood their work, giving satisfaction to the committee, and, in most instances, to the patrons of the schools.

Some of the teachers have been employed in the same schools during the year, which we believe the most profitable course, provided we have the right kind in the right place, we cannot do this in all cases, however, if we would, but our aim has been to employ the best we could, the difficulty being, many times, to get the best teachers to go into the small schools of five or eight scholars, those of energy and capacity preferring larger and consequently more interesting schools.

It is hard work to get scholars interested where there are so few, and as a matter of course it is dull work for a teacher of them. We are happy to say that some of our people are realizing the importance of consolidating, giving us less but much better schools.

There have been thirteen schools during the past year, two less than formerly. Arrangements were made with the people near the Bardwell school house to send to the Brick, making a fair number there; and with those in the North-east part, known as the Wheeler school, to send to the Four Cor-

ners, altogether making but one small school. The South school is much too small, numbering eight, with an average of five scholars, with a probability of a less number the coming year, and it does seem to us that when there are so few it would be far better for the children, for the time, until there may be more scholars, to unite with contiguous schools, as in the cases alluded to, and attended with much less expense to the town.

In several of the schools there have been three terms of ten weeks each, rather than two terms of twelve weeks each, the patrons preferring to board the teacher and get the extra six weeks. To this we have not objected, yet we have found that many of our most capable teachers object to boarding around, and we have sometimes had to take such as we could get, where boarding around was the order. We have, therefore, after giving the matter a fair trial, come to the conclusion that, as a rule, the schools have been the most profitable, and the greater progress has been made where the teacher has been provided with a home, with the twenty-four weeks during the year, rather than thirty weeks, with such teachers as we are able to obtain, they to live on the run, much of the time having no where to lay their heads. We know of no other town in the State where it is required at the present day, although it used to be the custom.

Your Committee are not in favor of too frequent changes of books in the public schools, knowing as every one does, that a change usually causes more or less dissatisfaction, but it was thought best to change the series of readers. The National series had been in use some six or eight years, until the scholars knew much of the contents by heart and were tired of it, and the price of the series being so unreasonably high the Franklin was introduced, the exchange price being merely trifling, and the regular price so much below the old book, (about one-half,) and aside from a pecuniary consideration, which is considerable, we believe the new to be much the best work.

The average attendance the past year has not been as large as was desired, owing to the unusual amount of sickness during the Winter, measles, pneumonia, and bad colds having

prevailed throughout the town, nearly breaking up several of the schools, in some instances reducing the attendance from thirty to ten. All were kept through except the Churchill and Adamsville schools, which were closed on account of sickness of the teachers.

In regard to truants and absenters, we would say there have been some instances where there appeared a disposition to keep children out of school, but we notice an improvement in this direction. Some of our manufacturers have taken particular pains to see that none have been employed in their mills without attending the public schools as required by law, and the committee, acting as truant officers, have known but few instances of truancy.

The laws in relation to truants have been, for several years, quite imperative, although they have received but little attention out of the cities and large towns of the Commonwealth, but last winter a new clause was added, by the General Court, to the law, relative to the distribution of the annual income of the school fund, which makes it exceedingly important that the truant laws shall be observed. At present the law reads thus:

"Each city and town *shall* make all needful provisions and arrangements concerning habitual truants, and children between the ages of seven and fifteen years, who may be found wandering about in the streets or public places of such city or town, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school, and growing up in ignorance; and shall, also, make such by-laws as shall be most conducive to the welfare of such children, and to the good order of such city or town, &c."

And according to the late amendment:

"No apportionment and distribution of the annual income of the school fund shall be made to any town or city which has not complied with the laws of the Commonwealth relating to truancy."

"Provided, however, that this act shall not affect the apportionment and distribution of the annual income of the school fund prior to the year eighteen hundred and eighty."

Thus it will be seen that the truant laws *must* be enforced or the school fund will be forfeited, and we cannot afford to lose so considerable a sum, our apportionment this year being \$232.03.

We have no doubt the town will see to it that it shall be secured for the future.

Very little has been done towards repairing school houses,

although two or three are in bad condition, it was thought best to make them as comfortable as possible with a slight outlay, until an improvement in the times, and the town could see a little out of the wilderness of debt, but the freshet of last fall has made the darkness thicker, while the same necessities still exist, and we hardly see how to avoid some repairs the coming year, yet we would recommend that no greater expense be made in this direction than the preservation of the buildings and the health and comfort of the schools demand.

In conclusion we remark that, year after year, you have been urged up to a consideration of the importance of our common schools, of the necessity of the co-operation of parents with committees and teachers, that they become what they should be of punctual attendance, of frequent visiting by the patrons of the schools for the encouragement of teachers and scholars, &c. much of which has become stereotyped. We will spare you this and invite your attention to the following tabular statement, feeling assured that you will observe the financial report without calling your attention to it.

STATISTICS.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	No. Terms.	No. Weeks.	No. Scholars,	Average Attendance.		
				Summer	Fall.	Winter.
Shattuckville, ...	2	24	51	27		27
Griswoldville, ...	3	30	60	35	36	30
Foundry, ...	2	24	54	29		31
Churchill, ...	3	29	16	10 3-4	6	15
Adamsville, ...	3	27	38	22	18	15
Wilson Hill, ...	2	24	12	7		9
Christian Hill, ...	2	24	30	13 1-2		22 1-4
Spurr, ...	3	30	21	10 1-2	14 1-4	12 1-4
Elm Grove, ...	2	24	20	12 1-2		14 1-4
City, ...	3	30	40	29	37	31
Brick, ...	3	30	28	18	19 1-2	24
Four Corners, ...	3	30	14	6 3-4	9	8 1-2
South, ...	2	24	8	4 1-2		6 1-4

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

PAID TEACHERS.

Mr. Charles H. Smith.....	\$66 00
" Milton M. Mowry.....	90 00
" Joseph Smith.....	84 00
" Gaius F. Lameroux.....	84 00
" Edward S. Everett.....	78 00
Miss Ellen L. Brownell.....	141 75
" Emma A. Donelson.....	100 00
" Ida A. Brown.....	66 00
" Abbie M. Hardy.....	54 00
" Jennie E. Buck.....	130 00
" Etta S. Shearer.....	100 00
" Dele E. Ballard.....	85 00
" Mina L. Hillman.....	136 50
" Hattie M. Deane.....	60 50
" Emma E. Hale.....	29 25
" Della A. Dunnell.....	72 00
" Fannie C. Smith.....	66 00
" Lucinda M. Eagan.....	40 00
" Addie F. Davis.....	40 00
" Sarah E. Clark.....	78 00
" Annie Vincent.....	60 00
" Lucie A. Stone.....	45 00
	\$1,700 00

PAID SUNDRIES.

Fuel.....	\$151 47
Cleaning school houses.....	15 00
General supplies.....	10 06
Printing school report.....	17 50
Boarding teachers.....	23 50
Repairing school houses.....	25 00
	\$242 53

RECAPITULATION.

Paid Teachers.....	\$1,700 00
Paid all other bills.....	242 03
	\$1,942 03

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation.....	\$1,650 00
School fund.....	232 03
Dog fund.....	68 90
Tuition from town of Charlemont.....	16 50
" " Shelburne.....	12 83
" " Heath.....	11 00
Rent of school room.....	8 00
	\$1,999 26

MISCELLANEOUS.

No. of schools in town.....	13
No. of persons between 5 and 15 years of age.....	284
Whole No. attending school.....	392
Average No. attending school.....	240
No. over 15 years.....	61
No. under 5 ".....	1
Whole No. Months School.....	88
Average No. Months each school.....	6 10-13
No. Male Teachers.....	5
No. Female Teachers.....	17
Average Wages of Males, per month, including board.....	\$26 00
" " Females " " " ".....	23 42
Amount of Contributions in Board.....	412 00
There is due the Town, for Tuition, from Charlemont.....	17 50
" " " " " Shelburne.....	5 00
" " " " " Halifax, Vt.....	12 00

BOOKS USED.—Readers, Franklin Series; Arithmetics, Greenleaf and Colburn's; Geographies, Cornell's; Grammars, Greene's; Spellers, Webster's and Worcester's; Algebra, Greenleaf's; History, Quackenboss' and Barnes'.

O. B. CURTIS,	} <i>School Committee</i>
GEO. H. STEWART,	
S. P. EVERETT,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Colrain.</i>

Colrain, April 1st, 1879.

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OF THE

TOWN OF COLERAINE,

1879-80.



GREENFIELD, MASS.

FRANKLIN PRINTING OFFICE, (FIELD & HALL),

GAZETTE AND COURIER BUILDING.

REPORT.

GENTLEMEN :

In submitting this, our annual report, for your consideration, we are happy to say that the school year of 1879—80 has been one of more than usual prosperity. Most of the schools have been successful in the amount and quality of the work accomplished. Not that all have been alike prosperous, this can not be, at least, never has been. There are many elements which enter into the combination, all of which must be good in order to obtain the best result.

The attendance upon our schools is, other things being equal, a pretty correct criterion of their success.

For the school year 1877—78 a fairly prosperous year, the average attendance was only 66 per cent. of the whole number of scholars enrolled, while for the year past it has been 81 per cent., probably the highest ever reached in our town, speaking well for the success of our schools.

While in the main we have reason for congratulation, there are some things which tend to retard progress in our schools. We beg your indulgence while we point out a few of them, not in the spirit of faultfinding, but with a view to our good.

All who teach in our schools are not adapted to the work, and others, who have a natural adaptation to the work of teaching, are not thoroughly fitted. They have not sufficient culture. There are certain indispensable requisites to first-class teaching.

First, a clear idea of that which is to be taught. A thorough mastery of the subjects taught is necessary to success. Many fail just here. No one can impart to others, or by any means draw out of the pupil's mind that which is not clearly apprehended by himself.

There can be no thoroughness in teaching unless there is a thorough knowledge of that which is to be taught. It is not sufficient that the teacher be just in advance of the pupil in the branches taught. One who is perfectly familiar with geometry, will, other things being equal, be a better teacher of arithmetic than one who has no acquaintance with this higher branch of study.

But it is not enough that one has a thorough knowledge of that to be taught. There must be an *aptness to teach*. All do not possess this faculty, but if not possessed in a fair degree there cannot be success.

And there must be a real *love* for the work. No one ought to attempt teaching who does not love it well enough to make it a profession or business in preference to any other. We would like to whisper in every young person's ear, do not think of teaching unless you are sure you have a real love for the work, or if on trial it is in the least irksome, leave it for almost any honest employment.

Some persons of excellent abilities do not love children. This is especially unfortunate if one is to teach in the primary department, or in ungraded schools; whatever other qualification is possessed *this* must be, or there will be failure. There is much we would like to say upon this matter, but we forbear for want of space.

But you will all perceive that with so high an ideal we have few teachers who come up to the standard, perhaps none only approximately.

We would not wish to discourage any who desire to teach from a love of teaching, but we would be glad if no one would enter the ranks unless fully fitted and naturally adapted to the responsible position. We do wish there were a less number who aspire to teaching, and that it was made the profession—the life work of more.

You will also perceive that such teachers as we would have, can not be secured without more ample remuneration than we award teachers. We might be under the necessity of appropriating more money, but every dollar thus expended would

be returned with heavy interest, or rather, in that which is above price.

We do not feel like upbraiding our Citizens with penuriousness, considering the heavy burden of taxation we have to bear from causes in a great measure beyond our control. We have pursued as liberal a policy as could have been expected. And then, too, the location of our inhabitants is such we are obliged to support a greater number of schools than is for our financial interest, or for the best progress of the pupils; for a *small* school, as small as some of ours, will lack in interest. This is one of the drawbacks to our progress. We trust that if by any lawful and proper measures, (by transportation of scholars, or any other way) the number of our schools can be reduced, you will co-operate with the School Committee in the measure. We think it may be possible in one or two cases. We also trust that you feel the importance of doing all that can consistently be done to raise the standard of Common School Education. Let school Committee, teachers and scholars feel that all our citizens are in active sympathy with them in the work.

S. P. EVERETT,	}	<i>School Committee of Coleraine.</i>
D. A. STRONG,		
O. B. CURTIS.		

STATISTICS.

Name of School.	No. Terms.	No. Weeks.	No. Scholars.	Average Attendance.		
				Summer.	Fall.	Winter.
Adamsville,	2	24	26	18	10	20
Brick,	3	36	28	14		24
Churchill,	2	24	12	5 1-2		10
Christian Hill,	2	24	17	12		10
City,	2	24	41	28		36 2-3
Elm Grove,	2	24	16	10	37 2-3	12
Foundry,	2	24	56	35		36
Four Corners,	2	24	13	4		11
Griswoldville,	3	34	55	35		41
Shattuckville,	2	24	47	21 1-2		31 1-2
South,	2	24	6	5 1-2		5 1-2
Spurr,	2	24	19	11		15
Wheeler,	2	24	17	9		12 1-2
Wilson Hill,	2	24	12	7 1-2		8 2-3

FINANCES.

PAID TEACHERS.

Mr. M. M. Mowry.....	\$153 00
Mr. J. E. Davenport.....	168 00
Mr. C. H. Smith.....	66 00
Mr. C. S. Dean.....	55 90
Mr. D. P. Hutchins.....	90 00
Mr. W. G. Everett.....	60 00
Mr. P. J. Flagg.....	72 00
Mrs. E. A. Rice.....	84 00
Miss Mary E. Lamb.....	22 00
Miss Della A. Dunnell.....	144 00
Miss Jennie E. Buck.....	66 00
Miss Hattie M. Dean.....	138 00
Miss Flora E. Burrington.....	108 00
Miss Emma E. Dwight.....	66 00
Miss Ida E. Miner.....	54 00
Miss Emma E. Donaldson.....	120 00
Miss Jennie E. Harris.....	16 50
Miss Hattie E. Miller.....	54 00
Miss Etta L. Shearer.....	120 00
Miss Sarah H. Clark.....	78 00
Miss Eva Phillips.....	60 00
Miss Abbie M. Hardy.....	63 00
Miss Minnie E. Peck.....	66 00
	\$1,925 00

PAID SUNDRIES.

Fuel.....	\$151 28
Repairs and Cleaning.....	45 23
Incidentals and supplies.....	18 18
Board bill (old).....	1 50
Printing School Report.....	13 00
	\$229 19
Total Expenditures.....	
	\$2,154 19

RECEIPTS.

Town Appropriation.....	\$2,000 00
State School Fund.....	228 13
Damage.....	7 00
	\$2,235 13



ANNUAL REPORT,

OF THE

SELECTMEN,

—AND—

TREASURER,

OF THE TOWN OF

COLERAINE,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 16, 1880.

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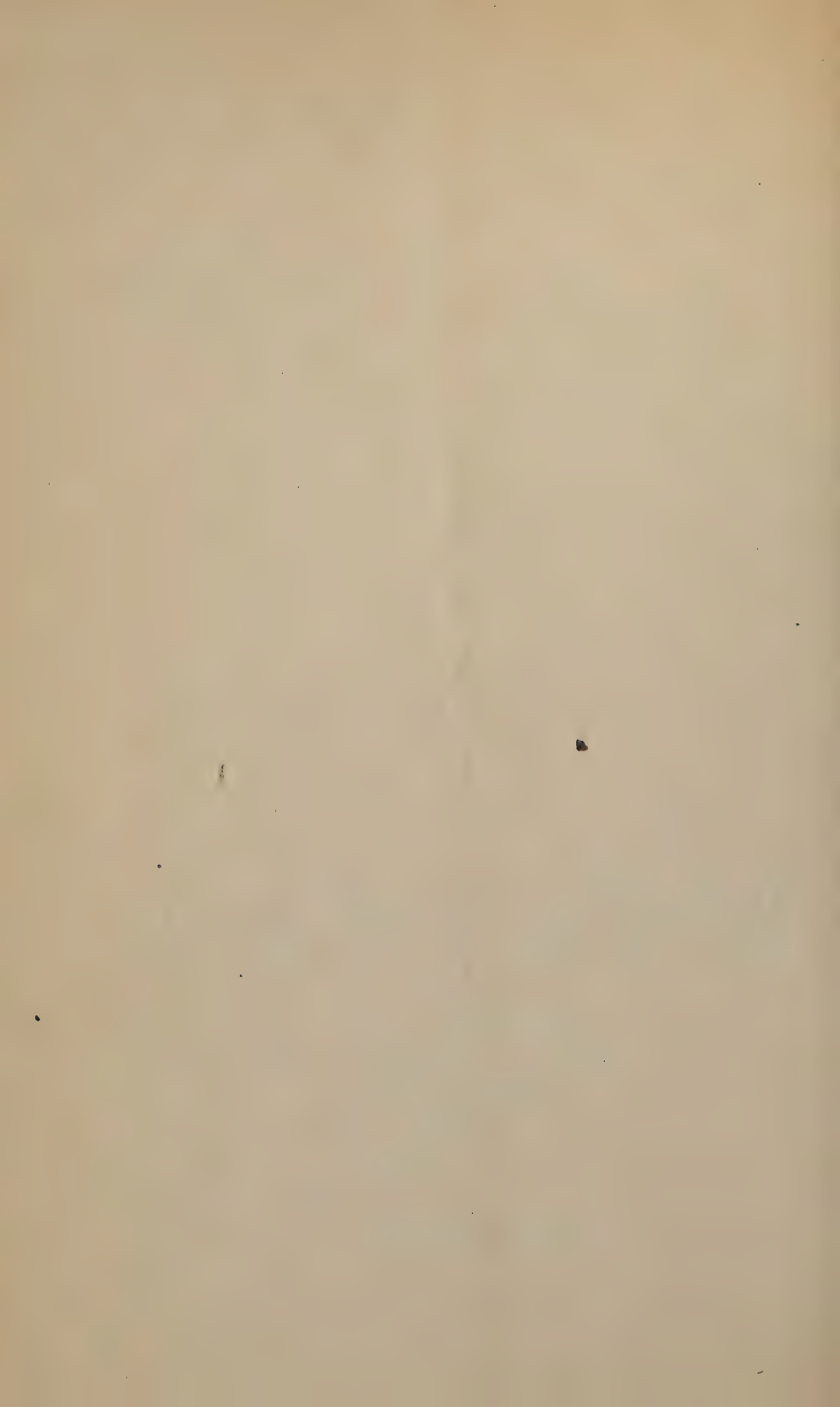
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REPORT.

In presenting our annual report, for the year ending February 16th, 1880, a few statements we would make, to show you where and for what your money has been paid. Our task has been more laborious as well as costly, than we expected at the time the appropriations were made. Roads that were repaired after the freshet, were badly washed by the heavy rains of last spring; also many bridges that we supposed to be all right were found to be undermined by the freshet and have been rebuilt.

We said in our last report that three hundred dollars would pay the out-standing bills, but in this we were mistaken as there have been presented and paid, bills to the amount of \$1107. After the destruction of the bridge at Shattuckville it was inconvenient as well as dangerous for the people to get to the mill, so many of them lived on the opposite side of the river. We caused a wire foot bridge to be built, at a cost of \$65, thinking that a further outlay would not be needed, but it did not satisfy the demands of the people. A subsequent town meeting was called and the town voted to rebuild the bridge and appropriated a sum not to exceed \$2000, for that purpose. We built the bridge and abutments and filled the washout for the sum of \$933 56.

At the beginning of the year it was hoped that a portion of the Green river road would be discontinued, but the feeling was so strong against it, that the project was given up, and the road repaired for about \$225. The road to Heath was so badly damaged and destroyed that a relay was necessary, and about 56 rods of new road near the lower end was built. The bridge near Mr. Cobb's appeared to be all right after the freshet, but in the spring both abutments fell from being undermined making quite an addition to the expense. The Heath road was impassable more than half its length. The cost of repairing was about \$500. The

road from near Pierce's mill to North Heath, in many places was entirely destroyed, so that a relay by the County Commissioners was necessary. Above Adamsville about 440 rods of new road was laid and below about 160 rods, making in all about two miles of new road. The road above Adamsville has not been fully completed, and about \$150 has been held back from the contractors, which we think will nearly complete the road. The road below Adamsville was built by the towns-people and the cost is recorded in the expenses of repairing highways. In Griswoldville a new road was laid out by the Selectmen and ordered to be built by the town, which with the bridge across the canal cost about \$150. This expense was not anticipated at the commencement of the year.

In the appropriations last spring you instructed us to borrow the sum of \$2000 to repair roads and bridges; also at a meeting called in June you instructed us to borrow a sum not exceeding \$2000 to rebuild bridge at Shattuckville and road at Griswoldville. In comparing our report of last year we find there is a balance against the town in excess of last year of about \$3728.

FINANCES OF COLERAINE

For the Year ending February 16, 1880.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury Feb. 20. 1879,.....	\$197 35
Received of the Town of Heath for schooling,.....	11 00
Of Selectmen,.....	500 00
O. B. Curtis, school house rent.....	1 20
Selectmen.....	2000 00
S. C. Lincoln, license.....	6 00
Selectmen.....	1000 00
State	407 89
S. P. Everett, damage on school house.....	7 00
State Treasurer, school fund.....	228 13
Dog fund 1879,.....	89 00
H. O. Scott, tax of 1878.....	3962 66
J. D. Miller,.....	8494 31

16,904 54

DISBURSEMENTS.

Highways and Bridges of 1878.....\$1107 81

HIGHWAYS IN 1879-80.

PAID FOR LABOR.

R. J. Smith,.....	1 25
J. M. Thompson,.....	2 00
Joel Davis,.....	12 50
Dennis Sweeney, Green River.....	6 25
C. W. Shattuck,.....	16 25
C. H. Steel,.....	34 06
L. D. Smith,.....	36 00
C. H. Cromack,.....	1 25
George Johnson,.....	7 50
C. F. White,.....	10 00
Nelson Walden,.....	18 00
S. F. Warren,.....	3 37
George E. Yeaw,.....	26 87
O. H. Taylor,.....	6 25
Milo A. Thompson,.....	8 75
J. C. Miner,.....	7 75
J. S. Bell,.....	15 59
L. W. Bobbitt,.....	10 00
John Call,.....	10 97
H. C. Cromack,.....	34 25
N. C. Carpenter,.....	1 25
Joseph Charter,.....	2 50
Asa Cook,.....	19 25
S. G. Davenport,.....	14 87
J. E. Davenport,.....	9 62
Fred Kendrick,.....	5 00
O. B. Kendrick,.....	15 00
C. W. Maxham,.....	7 50
Joshua Purrington,.....	9 37
Ruel Cobb,.....	4 00
W. C. Vincent,.....	6 25
John Vincent,.....	53 00
Charles Vincent,.....	5 12
J. S. Tenny,.....	8 50
Abraham Tenny,.....	3 12
George Thompson,.....	10 00
G. D. Stetson,.....	10 12
L. D. Smith,.....	14 00
Corridon Simonds,.....	14 37

Eli B. Smith.....	\$15 23
Joel Cone, Jr.....	14 00
H. W. Thompson.....	25 62
T. R. Shearer.....	8 00
G. A. White.....	15 00
Elmer C. Yeaw.....	5 90
D. S. Pierce.....	3 00
R. J. Donelson.....	7 50
N. S. Harris.....	19 00
N. M. Walden.....	10 00
Addison White.....	3 75
George R. Jeffords	11 37
C. S. Hillman.....	43 18
Charles Kendrick	2 50
B. S. Myres.....	4 25
Lorenzo Spurr.....	30 00
J. W. Rugg, Green River.....	14 00
Morris Pierce.....	20 74
Dennis Galvin.....	5 00
R. C. Porter.....	6 87
J. J. Dwight.....	10 00
Thomas Smead.....	4 37
Morris Pierce.....	38 00
C. W. Smith.....	3 75
Frank Brown.....	14 37
R. S. Fairbanks.....	19 12
Luther Purrington.....	6 55
Starkey & Lombard.....	10 50
Freeman Prefontaine.....	2 35
Joséph Noyes.....	33 00
E. F. Copeland.....	13 91
J. F. Wilcox.....	3 75
A. L. Burrington.....	2 50
Nelson Joy.....	2 62
Dennis Galvin.....	9 50
J. B. Cromack.....	17 50
Arial Hensdale.....	8 75
N. M. Walden.....	2 00
Arad Nichols.....	6 25
F. M. Thompson.....	9 25
Horace Kemp.....	5 00
R. J. Smith.....	1 50
Charles B. Denison.....	17 62
Lorenzo Spurr.....	63 12
J. A. Dwight.....	34 14
Eli J. Burrington.....	1 37

A. C. Smith.....	\$24 42
Wm. Martin, Green River.....	4 12
“ “	10 00
J. D. Noyes.....	3 87
Wm. Lessler.....	7 50
C. B. Denison.....	3 75
Albert Nelson.....	5 62
J. J. Dwight.....	5 00
J. A. Dwight.....	12 00
Orin Houghton.....	11 87
Chester W. Smith.....	40 50
Charles Call.....	11 46
J. Milo Miller.....	5 37
A. A. Smith.....	6 25
H. M. Underwood.....	3 87
Zina Cary.....	5 25
E. J. Davenport.....	2 58
Fred Conant.....	4 79
H. C. Cromack.....	12 00
A. P. Nelson, Green River.....	10 75
“ “	6 87
J. W. Rugg.....	6 00
J. F. McClellan.....	71 58
“ “ near his house.....	50 00
Aaron Franklin.....	26 00
J. W. Burrington.....	5 62
Joseph S. Bell.....	6 25
Harvey Churchill.....	1 62
Elisha Pike	15 75
J. R. Smith.....	6 24
H. M. Peterson.....	2 15
Levi Davenport.....	25 00
A. W. White.....	3 00
Adison White.....	2 75
Wm. Davis.....	12 00
Dennis Rice.....	1 25
George A. White.....	4 88
Frank Thompson.....	5 75
“ “ Green River.....	8 00
R. S. Fairbanks.....	4 68
Rufus Merrifield.....	5 00
Dennis Wilson.....	9 40
Henry P. Carr.....	5 00
Johnathan Combs.....	15 00
D. W. Nelson.....	5 92
“ “ Green River.....	50 62

John Myres.....	\$6 25
Joshua Purrington.....	2 25
David L. Smith & Son.....	63 00
C. F. White.....	2 00
John Thompson.....	7 75
D. W. Snow.....	2 50
C. R. Snow.....	3 75
Thomas Purrington.....	13 12
Morris Pierce.....	9 00
J. B. Clark.....	25 00
Dennis Rice.....	2 50
Hosea Purrington.....	5 25
George Davenport.....	1 65
Hoel Roberts.....	5 00
Reuben Stacy.....	6 49
Daniel Hillman.....	1 06
Wm. Stewart, Green River.....	5 00
Wm. Combs & Sons.....	5 87
Monroe Harris.....	11 25
Elias Bardwell.....	3 87
“ “ Green River.....	22 25
John Vincent.....	10 13
Harry Bell.....	9 50
S. B. Buck.....	2 25
John Sturtevant.....	6 90
George Russell.....	6 00
George Purrington.....	3 75
Uri Bradley.....	2 50
M. M. Johnson.....	5 50
D. H. Brown.....	2 25
David Davenport.....	2 00
Lewis Shearer.....	7 75
“ “ Green River.....	4 50
Henry J. Smith.....	16 55
Hiram Woodard.....	12 25
Luther Purrington.....	9 12
S. N. Wilson.....	3 50
Amos Stewart, Green River.....	14 95
W. A. Upton.....	1 00
O. H. Taylor.....	2 50
Robert Martin.....	4 75
“ “ Green River.....	3 50
James Kendrick.....	4 25
Roberts & Brown.....	12 75
Charles Kendrick.....	1 50
Wayne Hillman.....	10 00

Nelson Joy.....	2 83
S. A. Thompson.....	5 62
E. F. Copeland.....	13 09
Abel Dutton.....	12 10
E. C. Harris.....	3 00
Erastus Green.....	11 25
G. M. Taintor.....	5 75
H. S. Browning.....	5 13
“ “ Green River.....	18 75
E. J. Davenport.....	1 22
Geo. Patterson.....	5 62
C. W. Shattuck.....	6 95
Baxter Bardwell.....	1 25
J. W. Carpenter.....	39 12
Abel Dutton.....	12 50
Charles Call.....	8 75
John E. Bowen.....	10 00
R. T. Miller.....	5 00
H. L. McCloud.....	6 13
R. E. Goodnow.....	6 87
O. J. Davenport.....	23 89
E. B. Stewart.....	16 75
“ “ Green River.....	3 00
G. E. Yeaw.....	12 50
S. W. Wheeler.....	32 37
Elial B. Smith.....	21 47
James Carpenter.....	18 75
G. H. Phillips.....	13 12
Alfred Dodge.....	2 75
Clark S. Cary.....	6 97
C. Townsley.....	2 50
F. F. Hall.....	2 50
W. A. Upton.....	14 00
Henry A. Scott.....	19 78
N. G. Lake.....	5 00
S. B. Johnson.....	2 87
Dana F. Dutton.....	8 12
A. A. Smith.....	30 12
A. A. Prouty.....	10 80
Myrtle McGee.....	3 50
Carall Davenport.....	17 75
J. M. Scott.....	6 56
Eli J. Burrington.....	21 55
R. S. Fairbanks.....	3 75
E. C. Harris.....	12 62
E. Shearer.....	14 60

E. Shearer, Green River.....	31 50
Charles Staunton, Green River.....	2 50
J. A. Dwight.....	8 22
H. O. Scott.....	3 13

\$2514 03

PLANK, TIMBER AND LABOR FOR BRIDGES.

Starkey & Lombard.....	3 10
Henry Smith, timber.....	20 00
C. S. Cary, labor.....	28 50
A. J. Pierce, plank.....	6 23
T. R. Shearer, ".....	5 00
Samuel Purrington.....	5 32
Starkey & Lombard, timber.....	2 55
Ruel Cobb, labor.....	20 61
O. J. Davenport, timber.....	6 88
E. B. Stewart, ".....	5 50
S. W. Wheeler, ".....	6 68
E. B. Smith, ".....	15 00
George Hayden, labor.....	15 00
Ed. Cobb, timber and labor.....	37 39
F. W. Mather, timber.....	31 12
Frank Upton, ".....	3 12
A. A. Smith, ".....	2 00
A. A. Prouty, labor.....	8 70
Burr Myres, ".....	17 00
J. M. Scott.....	15 00
H. B. Miller, lumber to cover Spurr bridge.....	109 21
J. B. Cromack, plank.....	4 30
N. M. Walden, timber.....	10 75
A. C. Smith, plank.....	1 23
Wm. Martin, timber.....	1 00
Coridon Simonds, labor.....	11 49
W. S. Tasker, ".....	10 33
D. F. Dutton, ".....	30 00
E. D. Alexander, plank.....	19 82
Zina Cary, timber.....	5 12
M. P. Davenport, labor.....	12 87
Newel Brothers, iron.....	12 93
Frank Thompson, labor.....	1 00
R. S. Fairbanks, timber.....	12 50
D. W. Nelson, plank.....	8 75
D. L. Smith & Son.....	4 44
T. S. Lincoln, labor.....	3 12

George Thompson, plank.....	2 55
Erastus Booth, labor.....	28 85
Thomas Purrington.....	4 25
Morris Pierce, plank.....	31 91
J. B. Clark, plank and labor.....	11 97
George J. Davenport, timber.....	3 52
Reuben Stacy, labor.....	17 57
John Vincent, ".....	21 55
F. Williams, ".....	1 00
Roberts & Brown, ".....	5 50
D. M. Pierce, timber.....	2 25
Earl Shearer, plank and timber.....	11 00
J. A. Dwight, labor and plank.....	33 86
L. Spurr, plank and timber.....	27 85
J. W. Rugg, labor.....	15 00
L. W. Sumner, plank.....	12 49
L. Spurr, labor.....	26 18

\$771 83

COST OF FOX BRIDGE AND ABUTMENTS.

Truman Canedy, timber.....	\$22 36
David L. Smith, labor.....	31 56
" " " for drills.....	5 75
John Vincent, labor.....	20 00
F. A. Smith, ".....	14 50
W. S. Tasker, ".....	52 75
S. B. Buck, ".....	130 67
J. W. Rugg, ".....	10 37
A. A. Prouty, ".....	15 75
D. F. Dutton, ".....	14 00
Lorenzo Spurr, ".....	18 92
L. W. Stratton, iron.....	30 00
H. B. Miller, lumber.....	138 34
D. W. Snow, labor.....	18 25
C. W. Smith, ".....	13 62
C. S. Cary, ".....	10 00
S. Allen's Sons, iron.....	39 94
Milo C. Smith, ".....	6 96
S. C. Avery, timber.....	9 51
S. B. Buck, labor.....	2 60
H. B. Miller, lumber for covering.....	113 05
C. Webster Smith, filling.....	70 00
" " railing.....	8 25

\$797 15

COST OF SHATTUCK BRIDGE AND ABUTMENTS.

S. B. Buck, making bill of timber.....	\$4 00
G. A. Arms, iron.....	72 60
H. F. Purrington, labor.....	29 10
C. W. Smith, labor.....	5 25
Trumen Canady, timber.....	247 36
J. W. Rugg, labor.....	20 00
L. B. Wells, ".....	28 43
Joseph Moran, ".....	22 50
Joseph Sweeny, ".....	37 88
R. E. Goodnow, ".....	23 12
L. W. Stratton, ".....	35 00
E. E. Stratton, ".....	21 50
J. T. Davis, ".....	65 27
George Hayden, ".....	26 00
C. S. Cary, ".....	33 75
E. J. Corkins, plank.....	19 93
Milo C. Smith, iron.....	2 68
George Wells, labor.....	35 62
C. W. Shattuck, labor.....	28 70
J. M. Scott,.....	25 00
H. B. Miller, lumber.....	10 50
John Call, labor.....	4 50
R. J. Smith, labor.....	5 00
Arlington Johnson, timber.....	9 35
Orrin Houghton, timber for abutment.....	22 77
Lorenzo Spurr, labor.....	68 75
J. A. Dwight, labor.....	23 00
Earl Shearer.....	5 00

\$933 56

TAYLOR BROOK BRIDGE.

C. H. Steel.....	60 00
L. W. Stratton, iron.....	8 00

\$68 00

C. W. Shattuck, for wire bridge.....	65 00
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DAVENPORT BRIDGE.

Morris Pierce.....	38 00
O. J. Davenport.....	17 75
L. W. Stratton.....	7 00
S. G. Davenport.....	10 53

\$73 28

BUILDING NEW ROAD ABOVE ADAMSVILLE.

Ruel Cobb.....	\$347 75
D. S. Howes.....	328 45
Chandler Vincent.....	195 00
	\$871 20

REPAIRING TAYLOR BROOK ROAD.

Chandler Vincent.....	107 64
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BUILDING NEW ROAD NEAR ELIAL B. SMITH'S.

Robert Legate.....	112 94
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BUILDING TOWN ROAD AT GRISWOLDVILLE.

George H. Carpenter.....	88 00
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SUPPORT OF POOR.

L. N. Brownell, on account of transient paupers.....	13 65
Roberts & Brown for keeping Cyrus Burrington, Azula Wood, and Antis Wood.....	229 80
Roberts & Brown for keeping Albert Lester.....	20 00
O. H. Lamb, medical attendance.....	71 00
C. F. White, keeping Sybel Tisdale.....	115 00
On account of Soloman Buck in 1878.....	7 68
“ “ C. S. McCloud in 1878.....	33 25
“ “ James Wallace in 1878.....	14 74
Daniel Cary on account of paupers.....	5 00
A. C. Smith, for supplies for F. Gebo.....	2 10
O. M. Gains, keeping tramps.....	3 75
On account of Mrs. Lester Fish at the insane asylum.....	16 29
George Russell, supplies for F. Gebo.....	5 75
L. Spurr, keeping tramps.....	2 50
E. Shearer, cash paid on account of sundry paupers.....	13 50
	\$554 01

INTEREST.

C. H. Merrill.....	110 00
Franklin Savings Institution.....	603 75
B. H. Sperry.....	305 00
Selectmen.....	72 16
	\$1090 91

PAID DEBTS.

Selectmen.....	1000
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HIGHWAY DAMAGE.

J. B. Cromack	40 00
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ABATEMENTS.

Sundry abatements	38 69
B. H. Sperry	93 44
	132 13
Paid School orders	1681 69

TOWN OFFICERS BILLS.

Selectman, Earl Shearer	60 00
" J. A. Dwight	28 00
" Lorenzo Spurr	32 00
	\$120 00
Assessors, Edmond B. Stewart	41 00
" J. J. Dwight	35 00
" John Vincent	30 00
	106 00
School Committee, O. B. Curtis	31 00
" " S. P. Everett	33 00
" " D. A. Strong	30 00
	94 00
" " S. P. Everett, 1878	35 00
Treasurer, A. C. Smith	40 00
Collector, H. O. Scott, 1878	48 00
" J. D. Miller, 1879	65 00
Sexton, A. B. Nelson	4 00
" Henry J. Smith	22 00
" O. H. Taylor	2 00
" T. C. Shearer	16 00
	44 00
Hearseman, T. C. Shearer	37 50
County Tax	1066 23
State Tax	195 00
State aid	92 00

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Printing town report	20 00
E. B. Stewart, stationery for assessors	7 90
Wm. W. Cary, auditor, 1878	2 00
A. C. Smith, recording births, deaths and marriages	27 20
A. C. Smith, nails for covering bridge	25 25
Powder and fuse	2 61
Express and postage	2 90

Charles Marcy, repairing stove.....	1	40	
David L. Smith, for crossing land.....	10	00	
L. Spurr, to Searsburg to engage lumber.....	2	50	
Cash for spikes.....	2	14	
Earl Shearer, on account of County Commissioners.....	5	50	
“ “ express, postage and stationery.....	3	25	
J. D. Miller, tax bills.....	4	11	
			116 76

SUMMARY.

Receipts	16,904	54
Disbursements.....	14,068	67
Cash in treasury.....	2835	87
		16,904 54

DEBT OF THE TOWN.

Due Franklin Savings Institution.....	11,500	00
“ B. H. Sperry.....	6400	00
“ C. H. Merrill.....	2000	00
“ Charles N. Davenport.....	3000	00
Outstanding demands.....	200	00
		23,100 00

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Balance in treasury Feb. 16, 1880.....	2835	87
Due from State on account of State aid.....	92	00
“ the town for tuition and rent of school houses.....	25	00
		2952 87
Balance against the town.....	20,147	13

Respectfully submitted,

EARL SHEARER,	} Selectmen of Coleraine.
J. A. DWIGHT,	
LORENZO SPURR,	

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Finances of Colrain, 1880-81.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in the Treasury, Feb. 14th, 1880,	\$2835 87
Cash from the Town of Heath, on ac't. of schools,	5 50
“ “ “ Shelburne, “ “	22 00
“ “ S. C. Lincoln, License,	6 00
“ Corporation Tax,	476 11
“ National Bank Tax,	224 18
“ On Account of State Aid,	88 00
Cash from the County, on Account of New Road,	500 00
Received from the State School Fund,	229 35
“ “ “ Dog Fund,	66 00
“ “ J. D. Miller, Collector of Taxes for '80,	9918 99
Total,	<u>\$14372 00</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Highways and bridges, of former years,	\$197 09
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HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES OF 1880.

Paid Joseph Charter,	1 75
L. W. Stratton,	26 37
S. F. Warren,	1 87

Paid J. C. Miner,	\$4 75
J. S. Bell,	8 50
C. F. White,	11 00
Morris Pierce,	5 50
Rufus Merrifield,	2 50
Charles Masham,	3 75
Reuben J. Donelson,	5 00
Eliel B. Smith,	8 02
J. T. Miller,	1 25
L. W. Babbitt,	7 50
B. Murray,	1 25
J. Carr,	2 00
Fred Thompson,	6 00
E. F. Copeland,	11 88
A. L. Burrington,	1 25
E. C. Harris,	26 25
Frank Upton,	5 00
John E. Bowen,	6 25
Frank Purrington,	1 25
Wayne Hillman,	9 37
Asa Cook,	4 69
Geo. H. Phillips,	9 25
H. C. and C. H. Cromack,	3 75
Geo. M. Tanitor,	4 37
M. S. Harris,	10 00
Geo. Purrington,	7 50
H. J. Smith,	18 45
F. W. Mather,	3 75
M. McGee,	3 75
Nelson M. Walden,	7 00
Hoel Robert,	2 50
B. B. Leonard,	1 25
Geo. B. Jeffords,	6 25
John Call,	5 37
Frank L. Brown,	6 00
Carroll Vincent,	1 87
C. S. Townsly,	1 25
S. B. Johnson,	4 12
Geo. D. Stetson,	7 75
Orrin Houghton,	1 00
John Sturtefant,	3 25
James H. Vincent,	9 21

Paid Geo. M. Tanitor,	\$5 25
H. M. Underwood,	1 87
Frank Dunnell,	5 00
Eli J. Burrington,	35 65
John Thompson,	2 50
H. A. Howard,	11 25
Arad Nichols,	3 12
C. S. Cary,	15 00
L. B. Moore,	2 75
R. C. Porter,	1 87
T. D. Purrington,	5 12
J. R. Smith,	5 26
L. D. Smith,	6 92
Hosea F. Purrington,	2 87
James F. McLellin,	28 50
Milo A. Thompson,	15 00
Herman Tenny,	1 25
Ariel Hinsdale,	8 30
Louis Davenport,	17 91
Louis Shearer,	4 75
Dennis Wilson,	7 48
Adison White,	3 00
H. M. Peterson,	2 00
W. J. Burrington,	4 00
Osson Call,	2 12
C. W. Shattuck,	34 25
Nelson Joy,	2 50
Amos Stewart,	9 00
Amos Stewart, on Green River,	11 25
Charles Call,	18 50
Charles Webster Smith,	4 50
F. D. Conant,	6 87
J. Purrington,	1 25
Anson Franklin,	42 00
O. H. Taylor,	8 77
C. F. White,	4 00
Henry P. Carr,	3 12
Dennis Galoin,	5 75
W. A. Upton,	9 50
Horace Kemp,	3 00
Meloin Crosure,	4 50
Coridon Simonds,	7 00
R. and E. Coombs,	3 87

Paid R. W. Stacy,	\$7 68
S. W. Wheeler,	25 00
Wm. Martin,	3 75
A. P. Nelson,	6 25
J. M. Miller,	7 46
C. B. Denison,	5 73
H. A. Scott,	5 50
John Vincent,	5 00
E. C. Harris,	3 00
W. C. Vincent,	5 62
Jacob B. Yeaw,	2 50
G. A. Thompson,	8 37
S. G. Davanport,	9 48
S. N. Wilson,	3 75
Able Dutton,	3 00
Elisha Pike,	3 75
A. Tenny,	2 50
J. B. Cromack,	6 87
J. J. Dwight,	5 00
Zina Cary,	1 87
H. S. Browning,	3 95
E. B. Stewart,	11 35
Alfred Dodge,	2 50
H. L. Pickett,	2 87
Mathew Barber,	2 50
H. M. Underwood,	1 50
Dwight H. Brown,	1 25
A. B. Nelson,	8 11
Uri Bradley,	4 32
Dennis Rice,	5 62
Joel Cone, Jr.,	8 25
S. B. Buck,	1 25
Fred A. Smith,	1 75
J. H. Carter,	1 25
Hugh Thompson,	5 50
D. W. Snow,	4 71
Wm. Stewart,	7 50
Wm. Stewart, Green River,	14 25
Charles Shearer,	12 06
T. R. Miller,	2 50
J. P. Bell,	1 25
Erastus Green,	5 50

Paid T. R. Shearer,	\$4 00
Thomas Smead,	7 00
Luther Purrington,	4 00
M. M. Johnson,	8 00
J. D. Noyes,	9 00
C. O. Donelson,	3 75
Rufus Merrifield,	2 12
Jonathan Coombs,	2 50
Geo. A. White,	12 58
Erastus Booth,	3 12
Chester W. Smith,	11 87
Ruel Cobb,	1 50
Dennis F. Thompson,	1 62
Dennis F. Thompson, Green River,	8 50
Charles R. Snow,	5 65
Edgar Kendrick,	1 87
J. A. Dwight,	24 34
H. C. Cromack,	1 00
A. C. Smith,	6 87
L. Spurr,	7 45
J. L. Clark,	2 50
Earl Shearer,	19 00
	\$1039 22

EXPENSES OF BRIDGES.

Paid A. A. Prouty, Labor,	\$6 00
J. W. Rugg, “	3 00
Walter Bell, Timber,	5 00
J. S. Bell, Plank,	14 12
Ruel Cobb, Labor,	7 50
Morris Pierce, Plank,	9 60
Wm. H. Wilson “	19 05
Joshua Purrington, Labor,	3 75
C. W. Shattuck, Covering Bridge,	161 14
G. M. Taintor, Labor,	3 75

Paid G. H. Stewart, Plank and Timber,	\$16 20
John Thompson, “ “	6 25
Samuel Starkey, “ “	8 40
Henry J. Smith, “ “	7 00
F. D. Conant, “ “	3 00
William Martin, Labor,	7 25
Morris Pierce, Plank,	7 50
A. P. Nelson, Labor,	2 50
C. B. Denison, “	4 75
John Vincent, “	5 36
Roberts and Brown, Labor,	55 00
G. A. Thompson, “	4 37
Joseph Wallace, “	5 25
H. S. Browning, “	5 00
E. B. Stewart, “	30 45
E. B. Stewart, Timber,	19 97
H. L. Pickett, Labor,	5 25
Joel Cone, Jr., Plank,	2 00
A. A. Smith, Snowing Bridges,	4 25
Hugh Thompson, Labor,	1 00
Griswoldville Manuf. Co., Plank,	17 05
R. T. Miller, “	1 30
E. D. Alexander, “	13 78
Stephen Roberts, Iron Work,	3 46
Noyes and Miller, Labor,	6 25
Geo. A. Arms, Iron,	1 16
J. A. Dwight, Labor,	13 12
A. C. Smith, Nails,	5 69
Lorenzo Spurr, Plank and Timber,	68 46
Earl Shearer “ “	11 20
Earl Shearer, Labor,	8 25

\$583 38

EXPENSE OF NEW ROADS AND FORTIFYING
ROADS.

Paid Earl Shearer, for building Road near A. B. Nelson's,	\$75 00
Frank Dominick, for Damage to Land,	15 00
County Commissioners, for finishing Road above Adamsville,	851 00
James F. McLellin and Others, for fortifying Road,	80 24
C. W. Shattuck, for fortifying near the Shat- tuckville Bridge,	100 00
	\$1121 24

EXPENSE OF RAILING HIGHWAYS.

Paid Eliel B. Smith,	\$1 63
G. H. Phillips,	13 48
D. L. Smith,	35 20
H. C. Cromack,	2 15
Lorenzo Spurr,	3 75
	\$56 11

DAMAGES ON HIGHWAYS.

Paid Geo. Matterson,	\$20 00
Morris Pierce,	40 00
	\$60 00

PAID INTEREST.

Paid Franklin Savings Institution, Interest,	\$575 00
Charles N. Davenport, “	213 00
B. H. Sperry, “	305 00
C. H. Merrill, “	110 00
	\$1203 00

PAID DEBTS.

Paid Charles N. Davenport,	\$1500 00
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STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid State Tax,	\$585 00
County Tax,	1083 33
	\$1668 33

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

Paid Town of Greenfield, for the support of Charles	
McLeoud, for the year 1879,	\$153 73
Charles McLeoud, for the year 1880,	55 61
on account of Paupers,	2 50
Geo. Thompson, for support of D. Harwood,	100 90
Lunatic Asylum at Northampton, for support	
of Jenny R. Fish,	67 15
City of Springfield, for support of C. F. Anderson,	23 21
Roberts and Brown, for the support of Cyrus	
Burrington, George Cook, Antis Wood	
and Azuba Wood,	279 50
C. F. White, for support of Sybil Tisdale,	75 00
Lunatic Hospital at Worcester, for support of	
H. Davenport,	63 61
Lorenzo Spurr, for the support of Charles Lester,	60 00
H. S. Swan, for Coffins for Azuba Wood, Cyrus	
Burrington, Adolpus Jabo and Mrs.	
Dupree,	56 50
	\$937 71

ABATEMENTS.

For 1879,	\$36 01
For 1880,	240 79
	\$276 80

SCHOOLING.

Paid on account of Schooling,	\$2484 19
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INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid for Printing Town Reports,	\$20 00
for Order Book,	2 00
for School Report,	11 00
for Tax Schedules,	5 00
A. A. Smith, Stationery, Postage and Express for Assessors,	2 88
Collector's Book,	1 05
Perambulating Town Line,	6 00
A. C. Smith, Express, Postage and Stationery,	5 10
A. C. Smith, Recording Births, Deaths and Mar- riages,	24 80
A. C. Smith, Carrying Votes to Bernardston,	2 50
J. D. Miller, Tax Bills,	4 00
Earl Shearer, Express, Postage and Stationery,	4 30
	\$88 63

Paid State Aid,	\$ 72
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TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Selectman, Earl Shearer,	\$48 00
“ J. A. Dwight,	27 00
“ L. Spurr,	25 00
	\$100 00

Assessor, A. A. Smith,	\$71 00
“ H. M. Peterson,	35 00
“ C. B. Denison,	31 25
	\$137 25

School Committee, L. P. Everett,	\$21 00
“ “ C. B. Curtis,	40 00
“ “ D. A. Strong,	40 00
	\$101 00

Treasurer, A. C. Smith,	\$50 00
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Collector, J. D. Miller,	\$100 00
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Sexton's Bill, H. J. Smith,	\$28 00
“ “ A. B. Nelson,	10 00
“ “ T. C. Shearer,	12 00
	\$50 00

Hearseman, T. C. Shearer,	\$31 50
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SUMMARY.

Receipts,	\$14372 00	
Disbursments,	11857 45	
Cash in treasury,		\$2514 55

DEBTS OF THE TOWN.

Franklin Savings Institution,	\$11500 00	
B. H. Sperry,	6400 00	
C. H. Merrill,	2000 00	
C. N. Davenport,	1500 00	
Outstanding Demands,	100 00	
		\$21400 00

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Balance in the Treasury Feb. 19th, 1880,	\$2514 55	
Due from the State on Account of Paupers,	37 00	
Due from the State on Account of State		
Aid,	96 00	
Due on Account of Tuition,	25 00	
		\$2672 55
Balance against the Town above Resources,		\$18727 45

Respectfully submitted,

EARL SHEARER,	}	SELECTMEN
J. A. DWIGHT,		OF
LORENZO SPURR		COLRAIN.

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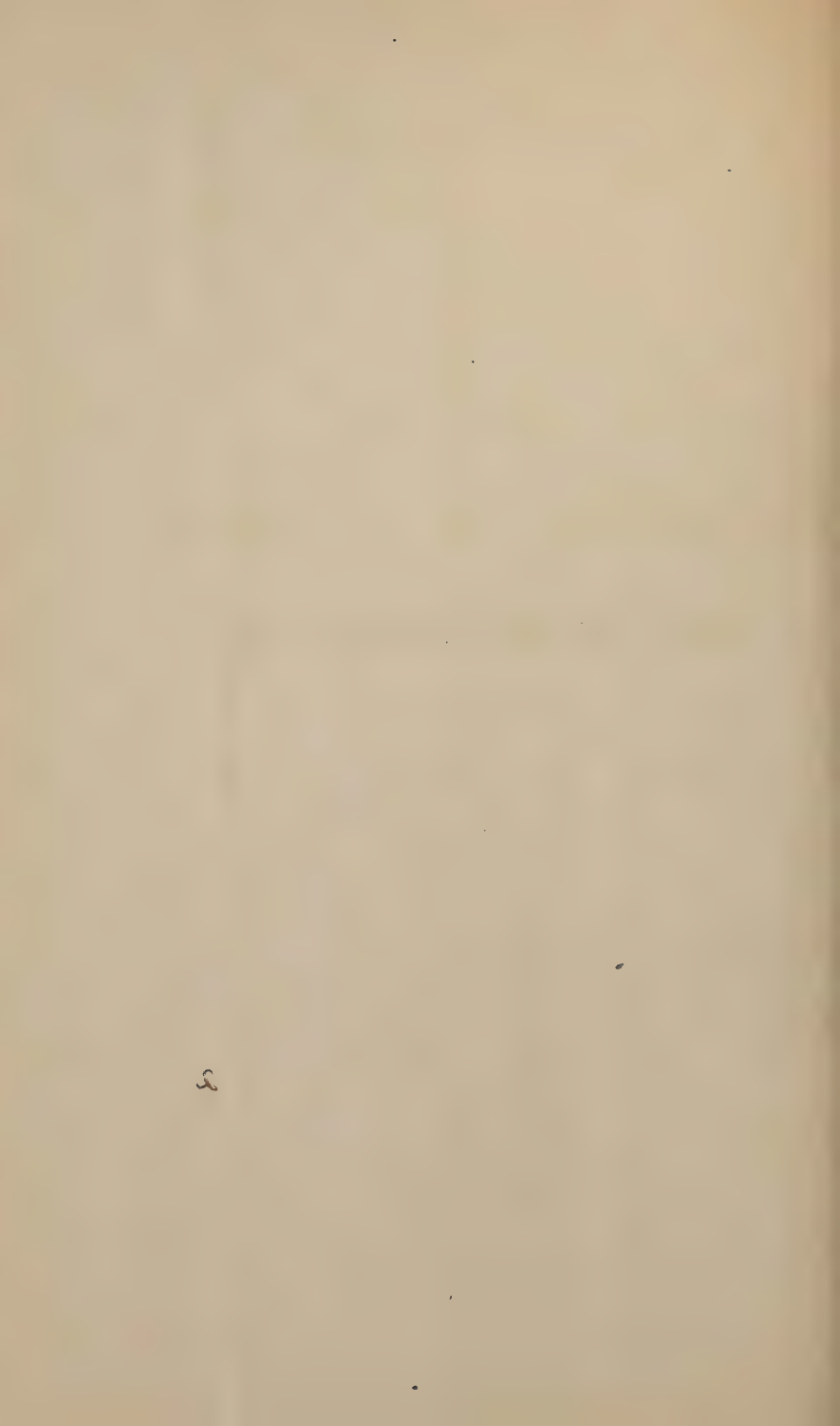
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FINANCES OF COLRAIN,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 16, 1882.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury, Feb. 19, 1881,	\$2514 55
Received from Charlemont and Shelburne on account of schooling,	49 50
Received from State, on account of Paupers,	20 00
“ “ S. C. Lincoln for License,	6 00
“ “ State Corporation Tax,	264 69
“ “ “ National Bank Tax,	233 48
“ “ “ for State Aid,	44 00
“ “ “ For Indigent Soldiers,	68 00
“ “ “ State School Fund,	230 51
“ “ County Dog Money Returned,	59 90
“ “ Fines from S. D. Bardwell,	40 00
“ “ John D. Miller, tax of 1881,	10093 55
	\$13624 18

DISBURSEMENTS.

Bills of former years, \$247 99

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES OF 1881-82.

Paid Orrin Vincent,	1 75
Elmer Yeaw,	3 15
C. F. White,	13 20
Benjamin Cronin,	2 00
Uri Bradley,	4 40
H. E. Maxom,	9 00
C. W. Maxom,	9 75
Edwin Cobb,	12 00
Hoel Roberts,	4 50
Joshua Purrington,	2 00
Ruel Cobb,	14 33
O. B. Kendrick,	3 45
C. W. Shattuck,	39 24
Eliel B. Smith,	20 45
Charles Vincent,	1 15
H. M. Underwood,	2 50
Charles Kendrick,	4 87
A. A. Smith,	13 25
O. H. Taylor,	21 24
Henry Carr,	9 00
Warren Burrington,	3 37
Dennis Galvin,	16 00
S. F. Warren,	1 50
David Davenport,	1 50
W. A. Upton,	20 50
Ariel Hinsdale,	5 25
N. H. Walden,	4 35
Chandler Vincent,	50 00
Payson Flagg,	3 00
Monroe Harris,	8 25
Robert and Edwin Coombs,	9 00
H. D. and C. H. Cromack,	12 87
Adison White,	6 00
William Martin,	7 00
J. R. Smith,	5 25
Charles Hillman,	5 10

Paid Whiting Tinkham,	1 25
Wayne Hillman,	8 50
Charles Shaw,	4 00
J. C. Miner,	6 00
L. G. Babbit,	5 00
Alfred Dodge,	1 50
Baldwin Miner,	6 75
Arad Nichols,	6 75
Amos Stewart,	10 00
Horace Kemp,	7 25
Abel Dutton,	3 00
Frank Brown,	2 40
Morris Pierce and Son,	34 38
Eli Burrington,	24 87
George R. Jeffords,	1 50
Frank Severance,	1 52
Charles Shearer and Son,	5 40
Dennis Wilson,	8 25
Charles Townsley,	2 50
Carriden Simonds,	3 20
Frank Dumell,	4 75
D. W. Nelson,	13 00
Elisha Pike,	8 25
John Davenport,	5 62
Albert Nelson,	4 50
Orson Call,	3 75
Joseph S. Bell,	10 87
Henry J. Smith,	3 00
John Call,	3 75
John Churchell,	6 75
H. M. Peterson,	16 50
E. B. Stewart,	19 89
Zina Cary,	2 25
Henry L. Pickett,	2 19
J. P. Bell,	2 93
Mathew Barber,	4 14
R. W. Stacy,	3 15
John Sturdevant,	5 70
Carroll Davenport,	5 60
E. J. Davenport,	3 54
Rufus Merrifield,	9 00

Paid Luke White,	3 75
H. A. Scott,	4 25
Milo A. Thompson,	6 75
David Wilson,	1 50
Fred M. Thompson,	20 25
Henry A. Howard,	8 36
George H. Phillips,	10 50
G. M. Tainter,	6 00
Franklin & Gilchrist,	31 25
John Vincent's Estate,	29 75
S. W. Wheeler,	23 10
Luther Purrington,	3 00
Frank Thompson,	14 90
Frank Upton,	8 67
Hugh W. Thompson,	13 50
F. W. Marther,	4 12
Jonathan Coombs,	11 50
Harry Bell,	2 00
Charles Call,	5 00
Hugh B. Miller,	12 00
A. L. Clark,	1 50
Lewis Shearer and Son,	9 00
Russell T. Miller,	2 40
J. B. Cromack,	5 87
John Thompson,	3 75
Asa Cook,	1 80
R. S. Fairbanks,	7 74
Orrin Houghton,	25 26
C. H. Steel,	11 00
Horace S. Browning,	14 00
Erastus Green,	9 00
A. P. Nelson,	20 10
R. S. Porter,	7 15
George Stetson,	1 50
Benjamin Brimingshall,	8 43
E. C. Harris,	4 68
Michael Johnson,	4 50
Hosea F. Purrington,	15 48
John E. Bowen,	7 50
Ruel Cobb,	5 75
S. G. Davenport,	3 00
Levi Davenport,	19 10

Paid Melvin Crasier,	2 25
Elias Bardwell,	7 30
G. W. Miller,	15 00
Emily Purrington,	2 25
D. M. Pierce,	6 00
C. W. Shattuck,	3 00
Charles Snow,	6 00
Griswoldville Man'f. Co.,	34 00
John L. Clark,	3 50
David W. Snow,	7 00
George Yeaw,	7 50
E. F. Copeland,	12 00
Joel Cone,	9 00
N. S. Harris,	1 80
C. Webster Smith,	13 12
James F. McClellen,	3 50
J. Milo Miller,	5 40
Charles B. Denison,	16 50
Thomas Smead,	4 00
R. C. Porter,	2 95
George White,	15 00
Nelson Walden,	1 00
James W. Carpenter,	15 00
F. D. Conant,	16 95
Charles Miner,	3 00
T. R. and C. A. Shearer,	5 40
Earl Shearer,	22 50
Chester W. Smith,	13 50
Thomas D. Purrington,	9 25
William Stewart,	9 50
Lorenzo Spurr,	16 50
J. A. Dwight,	37 50
A. C. Smith,	11 05
Clark S. Carey,	5 70
J. W. Rugg,	6 00
William Sessler,	2 00
Frank Bradley,	1 30
Charles Hastings,	1 00
Henry O. Scott,	75
A. L. Burrington,	50

\$1401 95

PLANK, TIMBER AND LABOR FOR BRIDGES.

Paid Starkey and Lanbard,	\$49 99
C. F. White,	18 00
C. W. Shattuck,	16 20
C. B. Newell,	25 00
A. A. Smith,	2 50
Amos Stewart,	13 95
Morris Pierce and Son,	7 24
D. W. Nelson,	10 28
Elial B. Smith,	10 19
A. B. Nelson,	5 00
T. S. Lincon,	15 00
E. B. Stewart,	16 01
Albert H. Temple,	36 50
W. C. Vincent,	2 75
S. W. Wheeler,	18 00
H. B. Miller,	3 00
E. D. Alexander,	15 40
Roberts and Brown,	11 00
D. F. Dutton,	19 25
Hrisweldville Manufacturing Co.,	10 98
David W. Snow,	10 49
Asa A. Prouty,	2 00
A. A. Smith,	1 50
F. D. Conant,	12 88
Earl Shearer,	15 00
Lorenzo Spurr,	32 94
J. A. Dwight,	8 25
Hart Cressy's Estate,	11 22
A. C. Smith,	11 65
C. W. Shattuck,	17 35
	\$429 52

RAILING HIGHWAYS.

Paid Frank Brown,	\$ 3 78	
Elial B. Smith,	2 90	
H. B. Miller,	50 00	
		\$56 68

HIGHWAY DAMAGES.

Paid O. B. Lawton,	\$300 00	
Rev. Erastus Burlingham,	2 75	
		\$302 75

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid for Herbert Davenport, at Hospital, Worcester,	\$199 46
Roberts & Brown for support of Antis Wood,	100 00
“ “ “ George Cook,	107 70
Chas. White for support of Sybel Tisdale,	100 00
O. H. Lamb for Medical Attendance,	25 00
W. A. Smith, “ “	36 00
W. H. Brinley,	22 80
George Russell for Supplies for Paupers,	22 95
Expenses of Frank Miner's family to Canada,	20 00
L. Spurr for support of Charles Lester,	60 00
For Burial of Mrs. Peter Rock,	15 00
C. W. Shattuck on account of J. Gorden,	22 78
Jonathan E. Davenport, sup. Malinda Johnson,	90 00
Levi Davenport, support of Joel R. Davenport,	97 05
Roberts & Brown for support of Ann Bell,	38 00
Frank Bell for support of Ann Bell,	63 94
Northampton Asylum, support Ellen Littlejohn,	26 00
J. A. Dwight, Cash paid on account of Paupers,	3 00
Earl Shearer, for support of Ellen Littlejohn,	12 00
Earl Shearer, Cash paid on account of Paupers,	5 00
L. Spurr, Cash on account of Paupers,	6 45
Geo. Thompson, for support of Daniel Harwood,	45 60

 \$1118 73

PAID INTEREST.

Paid C. H. Merrill,	\$110 00	
Benjamin H. Sperry,	305 00	
Franklin Savings Institution,	546 25	
Charles W. Davenport,	82 50	
		\$1043 75

PAID DEBTS.

Paid Charles N. Davenport,	\$1500 00
State Tax,	\$ 585 00
County Tax,	1083 33

ABATEMENTS.

Paid B. H. Sperry,	\$102 40
Assessors' Abatements,	129 01
	\$231 41

SCHOOLING.

Paid on account of Schooling,	\$2333 15
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INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid for Printing Town Reports,	\$14 00
A. A. Smith, for settling with Tax Collector, 1881,	2 50
H. H. Prouty, making Runners for Hearse,	28 50
W. S. Carson, Order Book,	2 00
John Thompson, for Cleaning Brook back of Town Hall,	5 25
D. W. Snow, for Town Hall,	4 25
John D. Miller, for Tax Bills,	4 00
C. B. Curtis, Incidentals for Schools,	41 82
A. C. Smith, Recording Births, Mar- riages and Deaths,	27 25
A. C. Smith, Express,	4 90
“ Nails and Powder,	2 52
William Stewart, Tax Schedules,	4 00
“ “ Collector's Book,	90
Earl Shearer, Express, Postage and Stationery,	3 75
H. B. Miller, Express and Postage,	1 35
	\$146 99
Paid State Aid,	\$96 00

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Selectman, Earl Shearer,	\$50 00	
“ John A. Dwight,	24 50	
“ Lorenzo Spurr,	25 00	
		\$99 50
Assessor, William Stewart,	\$20 00	
“ Thomas D. Purrington,	26 00	
“ Hugh B. Miller,	40 00	
		\$86 00
School Committee, O. B. Curtis,	\$35 00	
“ “ David A. Strong,	34 00	
“ “ Jonathan E. Davenport,	24 00	
		\$93 00
Clerk and Treasurer, Ancel C. Smith,		\$50 00
Collector, John D. Miller,		\$125 00
Sexton's Bills, H. J. Smith,	\$44 00	
“ “ A. B. Nelson,	4 00	
“ “ T. C. Shearer,	10 00	
		\$58 00
Hearseman, T. C. Shearer,		\$40 50

SUMMARY.

Receipts,	\$13624 18	
Disbursements,	11129 25	
Cash in Treasury,		\$2494 93

DEBT OF THE TOWN.

Due Franklin Savings Institution,	\$11500 00
Due Benjamin H. Sperry,	6400 00
Due C. H. Merrill,	2000 00
Due Outstanding Demands,	100 00
	\$20000 00

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Balance in Treasury Feb. 20, 1882,	\$2494 93
Due from State on account of Pauper,	10 00
“ “ “ for state aid,	192 00
	\$2696 93

Balance against the town above Resources,	\$17303 07
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Respectfully Submitted,

EARL SHEARER,	} SELECTMEN
J. A. DWIGHT,	
LORENZO SPURR,	
	OF
	COLRAIN.

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REPORT.

GENTLEMEN :

We hereby submit to you our annual report. We take pleasure in being able to say that in efficiency and success, as we think, the schools have not fallen behind any previous year. Some of them have made a decided advance. The discipline of the schools, on the whole, has been of a higher grade than during the year preceding. Good government in the schools is a matter of necessity in order to obtain the greatest proficiency of the pupils. While your Committee do not believe in undue severity, they insist that GOOD government is of prime importance and entirely approve of as much severity as is needful to secure it, though they do not approve of indiscriminate harshness, or of rough language in enforcing obedience. They believe that it can be secured without these. A noted manufacturer in this country, who has 3000 men in his employ, says: "I never allow myself to speak harshly even to the poorest boy among my work people. It does not pay. I have tried kind words without exception for years, and the results have been admirable." This, we believe, would be a good rule for teachers.

Tardinesses and absences are a great hindrance to the best results in some of our schools. As a general thing there is no need of scholars being tardy. By a little more activity they can gain the five or ten minutes by which they are behind time and this would not only be a gain to the individuals themselves but to the whole school. For in case they are punctual in their attendance they have the whole day at school and do not interrupt the work of the teacher or distract the attention of the other pupils, by putting in a late appearance. That this is a matter that greatly needs attention will appear from the following statement. In one of our largest schools the past winter, there were 280 cases of tardiness, and in another the

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previous winter, there were 525. In one of our smallest schools there were 70, an average of 7 to each pupil. In another there were 144, an average of 14 to each scholar. In other schools the same thing is to a greater or less extent true. This is a great evil and doubtless is not altogether the fault of the children. The parents must come in for their share of the blame and by a little attention from them, the evil can be obviated.

The evil of absences is more difficult. Some absences are necessary on account of sickness or other circumstances that are beyond control. But absences should be as few as possible and doubtless with proper care, there would be many less than there have been. In a great measure they are within the control of the parents. A pupil cannot be absent a day or a half day without detriment to himself and to some extent to the school as a whole. But in case he is absent frequently the school can be of but little advantage to him, and so far as proficiency is concerned he might almost as well not attend school at all.

A word about visiting schools. This is a point to be considered by the parents; for it is a matter greatly neglected in this town. Some parents, not to say many, never visit a school. Of course they manifest no interest in its prosperity. But the pupils need to feel that their parents are interested in their progress. At no inconsiderable expense the town provides facilities for the mental culture and equipment of the young, that they may be prepared for the responsibilities and activities of life. The parents as the natural guardians of their children are supposed to be personally interested in their education. It would be natural to expect that they would not fail to ascertain by personal observation what their children are doing or failing to do in the public schools, and whether the teachers placed over them are competent instructors. This they can do only by visiting the school in person. It is sometimes the case that good teachers are disapproved by the parents of the pupils solely because they have not visited the school that they might judge understandingly of the teacher's capabilities

and methods by seeing with their own eyes and hearing with their own ears. Sometimes for this very reason complaints are made of teachers, which are unjust and which would not be made if the parents had taken the trouble to acquaint themselves personally with the real state of the case. All this would be remedied, at least in a measure, if the fathers and mothers would occasionally look in upon the school.

Teachers. It is of great importance that good, not to say the best teachers, should be employed in our schools. We would repeat the idea suggested in our last year's report, that some aspire to teach who are too young. They may be well enough qualified so far as book learning is concerned ; but they lack judgment and character, and these are of prime importance in a teacher. One who desires and proposes to become a teacher needs to be educated with that calling in view. He needs not only to go through the routine of education in the common school and academy, but to be trained, or to train himself in the best methods of teaching. In order to do this it may not be necessary that he should take a course in the Normal school, though it would be wise for him to do so if possible. But he can get many good ideas as to the best methods of teaching by visiting various schools and noting carefully the methods of the most successful teachers. The responsibilities of a teacher must be deeply impressed upon the mind. One must feel that the calling requires aptness to teach as well as learning, that it is not mechanical business like building a house or a mill, but a business that calls into requisition the wits as well as the learning of the individual. It is a difficult calling. It requires talent. It requires tact. It demands a special liking of it as an art. It requires an insight into human nature and especially human nature as developed in childhood. It requires a special devotion to it.

In this connection another consideration comes in. The best teachers cannot be obtained without good wages, and your Committee are sometimes obliged to employ second or third rate teachers because the resources at their command are not sufficient to secure the best. The amount appropriated by the

town to the support of the schools is a small sum when we consider all that is to be covered by it, as teachers' wages, fuel sufficient to keep the school rooms comfortable, which in our climate is no small item, the annual cleansing and repairs of the school buildings, a supply of the various articles of school furniture, as brooms, pails, dippers, crayons, etc. It requires a close calculation and a good degree of financial ability to cover all the expenses of fourteen or fifteen schools with an appropriation of \$2000,—supplemented by the small sum received from the school fund of the State and the dog tax. Yet under the burden of debt and consequent taxation to which the town is subjected, your Committee do not feel like recommending a larger appropriation for the present, though doubtless it would be to the advantage of the schools to have it.

Your Committee earnestly hope that the interest of all the citizens in the schools will not be less but greater and that in the years to come the schools will continue to improve in excellence and efficiency.

STATISTICS.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	No. Terms.	No. Weeks.	No. Scholars	Average Attendance.		
				Summer	Fall.	Winter.
Adamsville.....	2	24	20	16½		17
Bardwell.....	2	24	12		9½	8
Brick.....	3	36	29	19½	*3½	15½
Churchill.....	2	24	9	5		5
Christian Hill.....	2	24	14	9½	7	
City.....	2	24	33	25½		28
Elm Grove.....	2	24	20	13½		15½
Foundry.....	2	24	64	44½		32
Four Corners.....	2	24	8	4		7
Griswoldville.....	3	34	78	44	37½	41½
Shattuckville.....	2	24	52	28		31½
Spurr.....	2	24	23	10		18
Miller.....	2	24	15	12	9	
Wilson Hill.....	2	24	9	4½		8

* South School one term.

FINANCES.

PAID TEACHERS.

Mr. E. B. Barney,	\$81 00
“ P. J. Flagg,	84 00
“ C. H. Smith,	101 00
“ M. M. Mowry,	153 00
“ W. G. Everett,	90 00
Miss Lizzie Rice,	54 00
“ Hattie Vincent,	132 00
“ Lizzie Stratton,	60 00
“ Clara Davenport, (Assistant,)	10 00
“ Etta A McClellan,	187 00
“ Fannie C. Smith,	66 00
“ Jennie L. Harris,	186 00
“ Clara E. Conant,	60 00
“ Ida M. Ballard,	66 00
“ Della A. Dunnell,	26 00
“ Hattie M. Dean,	78 00
“ Abbie M. Hardy,	66 00
“ Jennie E. Buck,	78 00
“ Hattie E. Miller,	120 00
“ Emma A. Donelson,	132 00
“ Etta L. Shearer,.	60 00
“ Bertha F. Strong,	60 00
“ Laura A. Hartwell,	60 00
	\$2010 00

PAID SUNDRIES.

Fuel,	\$153 57
Carrying Scholars,	30 00
Repairs and Cleaning,	62-98
Printing and Order Books,	6 10
Tuition,	4 21
Incidentals and Supplies,	14 94
Dictionaries,	17 00
	\$288 80
	\$2298 80

RECEIPTS.

Town Appropriation,	\$2000 00
School Fund,	229 35
Dog Fund,	66 00
Tuition, { Heath,	5 50
{ Shelburne,	22 00
{ Charlemont,	27 50
	\$2350 35

MISCELLANEOUS.

No. of schools in town,	14
No. of persons between 5 and 15,	300
Whole number attending school,	286
Average membership of schools,	276
Average Attendance,	245
No. over 15 years,	32
No. under 5 years,	6
Whole No. months school,	89 1/2
Average No. months each school,	6 4-10
No. male teachers,	5
No. female teachers,	16
Average wages of males per month, including board,	\$28 60
Average wages of females per month, including board,	21 94

D. A. STRONG, } School Committee
O. B. CURTIS. } of Coleraine.

Coleraine, April 4th, 1881.

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R E P O R T.

TO THE CITIZENS OF COLERAINE :—

In reviewing the work of our schools for the year just past, our remarks will be general, rather than to report separately on each school; and, at the outset, we think it will not be egotistical on our part to claim, that we have not only maintained our standing, but have made some advancement during the year.

TEACHERS.

“One of the indispensable requisites for a good school is a good teacher,” and in this, as in other commodities, a good article commands a good price. It has been our purpose to employ such, as far as possible, endeavoring to keep within the appropriation, and a large proportion of our teachers have brought with them experience, and have given a good degree of satisfaction in their work.

It has been our wish to employ teachers belonging in town whenever we could consistently do so, but we have found it necessary sometimes to go abroad to find one adapted to the place to be filled. We have quite a number of good teachers at home, and have generally given them the preference.

Some of the schools are very small, having no more than five or six scholars, but they being so situated that it is nearly im-

possible to unite with other schools, thus making them much more interesting as well as profitable; while the schools at Griswoldville and Foundryville have been so large that it has been necessary to employ assistant teachers the past winter, although at moderate expense, as they were members of the schools and spent only a part of the time.

TEXT BOOKS.

Your committee the past year have deemed it advisable to continue the work of effecting greater uniformity in books used in the schools. A change of readers had been made, new spellers, and a new series of arithmetics have now been introduced by an even exchange, (a new book for an old one,) thereby making no expense to the patrons. We would recommend that a change be made in geographies and also in grammars, as we have a great variety of each in the schools. We think it would be best to throw them all out, and replace them with more recent works, if possible, by an even exchange, but if necessary, by paying a difference, which will at most be slight. This done, we feel that the great need of uniformity in this direction, will be met.

ATTENDANCE.

It is a source of some satisfaction to your committee to be able to report a better attendance than on the previous year. A somewhat larger number have attended school, and the average membership, and average attendance, have been better. We had endeavored so far as we could, to see that the laws in relation to attendance at school were complied with, and have known but few instances of failure; yet some parents seem to

care but little whether their children attend school or not, but in their opinion the small sum they can earn is of more value than what they can learn. This feeling is not general, however, but is manifested by some who come among us for a temporary stay, rather than by those who may be considered more permanent residents. We think the number of such is not large and trust it will be less in the future.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

But little has been done during the year by way of school house repairs; perhaps not as much as should have been, in some instances where they are very much out of repair and uncomfortable. The second term has been held in the hall, and the extreme cold of winter avoided. Some of the school houses will need to be shingled this year, and some other repairs will be necessary.

FINALLY.

We may have the best teachers to be obtained, uniformity in Text Books, and the best published, the attendance may be all that could be desired, and our school houses unexceptionable in all their appointments, (we have not all these, however,) yet if we have not the co-operation of parents with the teachers and the committee, it will be impossible to make our schools what they were designed to be, and what with this, they may become, "the chief pride of our town and state."

We have made this report short, briefly mentioning some of the subjects suggested to our minds. Were it a long report, we suspect you would throw it aside, as only the school committee's report, and a mere repetition of the faults that are con-

nected with schools. We trust its brevity will be an inducement to read it, and that you will receive whatever it may contain worthy of consideration.

STATISTICS.

Name of School.	No. Terms.	No. Weeks.	No. Scholars.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.
Adamsville,	2	24	20	17	14
Bardwell,	2	24	6	5 ½	4 ½
Brick,	2	24	26	18 ½	17
Christian Hill,	2	24	24	19 ½	14
Churchill,	2	24	19	14	8
City,	2	24	49	37	36
Elm Grove,	2	24	25	19	18
Foundry,	2	24	64	44	37
Griswoldville,	3	34	55	44	44
Miller,	2	24	10	9 ½	8
Shattuckville,	2	24	51	34	28 ½
Spurr,	2	24	24	19	18
Wilson Hill,	2	24	10	8	8

South School one Term, 12 weeks.

Four Corners one Term, 12 weeks.

FINANCES.

PAID TEACHERS.

Miss Eliza Spurr,	\$93 00
“ Lucy O. Peck,	66 00
“ Abbie M. Hardy,	78 00
“ Hattie M. Dean,	84 00
“ Emma A. Donelson,	192 00
“ Eva Phillips,	228 00
“ Clara Conant,	60 00
“ Addie Smead,	30 00
“ Jennie L. Harris,	35 00
“ Florence Phillips,	66 00
“ Lizzie Stratton,	36 00
“ Mina L. Hillman,	165 50
“ Sara Dunnell,	25 00
“ Anna Smith,	60 00
“ Ellen L. Brownell,	78 00
“ Hattie E. Miller,	75 50
“ Alice Thompson,	31 50
“ May S. Martin,	54 00
Mr. M. M. Mowry,	159 00
“ Elmer J. Cutting,	78 00
“ Willie H. Davenport,	90 00
“ A. A. Smith,	105 00
“ Frank B. Carpenter,	66 00

ASSISTANTS.

“ Henry H. Denison,	20 00
“ George E. Clark,	10 00
	\$1985 50

PAID SUNDRIES.

Fuel,	\$151 58
Cleaning School-houses,	20 55
Printing Report,	10 00
Incidentals and Supplies,	20 45
Repairs,	36 53
Board for one Scholar,	18 00
	\$257 11

RECAPITULATION.

Paid Teachers,	\$1985 50
“ All other Bills,	257 11
	\$2242 61

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,	\$2000 00
Tuition, etc., Charlemont,	49 50
“ E. J. Cutting,	1 75
Fines,	40 00
School Fund,	230 51
Dog Fund,	59 90
	\$2381 66
Leaving unexpended,	\$139 05

MISCELLANEOUS.

No. of schools in town,	13
No. of persons between 5 and 15,	315
“ “ “ 8 and 14,	187
Whole No. attending school,	387
Average membership,	283
Average attendance,	258 $\frac{1}{2}$
No. over 15 years,	38
No. under 5 years,	13
Whole No. months school,	86 $\frac{1}{2}$
Average no months each school,	6 $\frac{1}{4}$
No. male teachers and assistants,	7
No. female teachers,	18
Average wages of males per month, including board,	\$27 90
Average wages of females per month, including board,	22 17

O. B. CURTIS,	} School Committee
D. A. STRONG,	
J. E. DAVENPORT,	
	of
	Coleraine.

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REPORT.

Fellow citizens of Colrain, we suppose you are again looking for your Board of Selectmen to give an account of their stewardship. You will find it as plainly presented as we can give it in the following pages. The chief value of a report of this kind consists in showing the people what use is made of the treasure which they annually entrust to the hands of their public servants. We mean that no one shall fail to understand all about our expenditures from lack of a fair presentation of them.

Our report, as usual, embraces the report of the Treasurer. We have examined and proved his accounts by comparison with our own, and find Receipts, Disbursements and Balance in Treasury as shown by this report.

As the School committee make their report in April, we only report the amount drawn by them during the year from which our report is made.

Our paupers have been more expensive the past year than usual. Mrs. Sarah Chappell, daughter of David Gould, who moved from town about sixty years ago, has come upon this town for support; the bill of \$225.99, presented to us by the State, we have had to pay.

After due consideration and advice from other towns, last spring, we purchased a road scraper, perhaps, at that time against the minds of a majority of the voters, at a cost of \$164.10. But we are satisfied, as well as others that have seen it work, that a farmer could as well afford to do without a mowing machine as for a town to do without a scraper.

Finances of Colrain.

TREASURER'S RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury, Feb. 20, 1882,	\$2494 93
Received from H. G. Ripley, License,	6 00
“ “ O. B. Curtis, Tuition,	1 75
“ Corporation Tax,	478 37
“ National Bank Tax,	241 02
“ State School Fund,	231 42
“ Dog Money Returned,	55 00
“ State Aid,	96 00
“ on account of Indigent Soldiers,	48 00
“ from John D. Miller, Collector,	9945 55
Total,	\$13598 04

DISBURSMENTS.

Highways and Bridges, of 1881-2,	\$81 94
HIGHWAYS OF 1882.	
Paid Horace Kemp,	\$5 00
Russell Miller,	1 20
C. O. Donelson,	8 00
Ellen Vincent,	3 75
Frank Hall,	2 25
Samuel Stone,	3 00
Peter Paul,	6 75
Eli J. Burrington,	4 83
Ruel Cobb,	27 90
Charles Shearer & Son,	19 75
W. A. Upton,	12 00
Uri Bradley,	2 25
Hoel Roberts,	2 25

Paid Dennis Galvin,	14 25
Joseph B. Clark,	68 47
C. W. Maxam,	3 75
D. W. Snow,	4 00
O. B. Kendrick,	16 18
Corridon Simonds,	3 00
Frank Dunnell,	10 00
Samuel B. Johnson,	5 25
Henry A. Howard,	5 85
J. P. Sturdevant,	3 00
Frank Fairbanks,	9 00
C. S. Cary,	15 75
John White,	1 50
C. F. White,	12 00
George A. White,	26 25
Orrin Vincent,	2 50
C. W. Shattuck,	56 26
J. J. Dwight,	14 30
Orrin Houghton,	12 00
Carroll Vincent,	6 90
R. C. Porter,	5 55
M. P. Davenport,	25 50
Charles Hillman,	9 00
Robert E. Martin,	1 50
J. R. Smith,	4 25
Alvah P. Nelson,	6 00
Alvah P. Nelson, Green, River,	14 15
Carroll Davenport,	3 00
Rufus Merrifield,	11 25
B. F. Severance,	3 36
E. J. Davenport,	2 19
Rominer Fairbanks,	22 00
J. B. Miner,	4 00
J. C. Miner,	4 80
Frank Thompson, Green River,	14 25
John Call,	3 45
E. B. Stewart,	7 50
E. D. Alexander,	3 00
Henry L. Picket,	4 50
Dwight Brown,	1 50
George E. Yeow,	7 50

Paid Abel Dutton,	6 25
Mathew Barber,	3 75
Zina Cary,	1 50
H. C. Cromack,	3 75
Amos Stewart,	2 25
Amos Stewart, Green River,	18 50
Franklin & Cram,	31 95
A. B. Nelson,	4 50
L. D. Smith,	8 75
Elial B. Smith,	11 10
Henry P. Carr,	4 50
Oliver H. Taylor,	11 00
Charles Call,	3 00
Nelson Walden,	3 00
Frank Hall,	1 20
George H. Phillips,	9 90
J. W. Burrington,	6 00
Henry J. Smith,	8 95
Luther Purrington,	3 00
Jonathan Combs,	10 50
S. W. Wheeler,	35 55
T. C. Shearer,	4 55
Frank Upton,	6 00
William Sessler,	3 50
William Sessler, Green River,	9 00
Frank L. Brown,	3 45
Ruel Cobb,	3 50
Clarence B. McGee,	4 50
William Dickerson,	1 50
Dwight Brown,	3 00
A. E. Wood,	75
John L. Clark,	7 42
Fred Purrington,	2 12
James F. McClellen,	6 75
Zenas Dunton,	1 00
J. W. Carpenter,	8 25
Griswoldville Mfg. Co.,	27 34
John E. Davenport,	7 27
W. C. Vincent,	9 75
William Stewart,	6 75
George H. Stewart,	4 50
John E. Bowen,	9 00

Paid Charles Miner,	1 50
Erastus Green,	6 50
C. W. Shattuck,	9 13
Orson Call,	2 70
Horace S. Browning,	3 00
Horace S. Browning, Green River,	12 00
D. W. Nelsen,	6 00
D. W. Nelsen, Green River,	10 00
C. F. White,	3 25
L. W. Babbitt,	8 75
Asa Cook,	1 50
N. S. Harris,	4 50
Webster Smith,	7 75
M. M. Johnson,	7 95
J. Milo Miller,	9 75
R. W. Stacy,	14 40
Morris Pierce & Son,	18 00
John C. Thompson,	3 00
Thomas Smead,	2 00
H. M. Peterson,	5 25
G. D. Stetson,	1 50
G. A. Thompson,	12 90
L. W. Stratton,	6 14
Arad Nichols,	8 25
J. E. Walden,	3 00
Wayne Hilman,	12 75
George Taintor,	7 50
Joseph Bell,	7 05
A. W. Hinsdale,	4 50
Eli J. Burrington,	34 90
Rufus Merrifield,	1 20
George R. Patterson,	11 25
Russell Miller,	6 00
William Martin,	4 00
J. B. Cromack,	4 70
Charles R. Snow,	4 50
Henry A. Howard,	2 75
H. F. Purrington,	14 37
E. F. Copeland,	16 00
H. W. Thompson,	7 75
Nelson Joy,	2 25

Paid G. W. Miller,	15 75
John Churchell,	6 75
Elmer Yeow,	3 00
John Gilchrist,	7 50
George J. Davenport,	1 50
Ed. and Rob. Coombs,	9 00
Harry Bell,	7 25
Lewis Shearer and Son,	5 00
F. D. Conant,	8 10
T. R. & C. A. Shearer,	7 50
Arthur A. Smith,	8 36
Joel Cone,	12 00
Thomas D. Purrington,	3 00
Joshua Purrington,	4 20
Noyes & Miller,	9 60
George R. Jeffords,	3 00
Fred M. Thompson,	16 50
S. G. Davenport,	7 20
Charles B. Denison,	8 25
Charles B. Denison, Green River,	8 02
John A. Dwight,	24 60
Lorenzo Spurr,	12 00
Earl Shearer,	38 75
Total,	\$1405 29

BRIDGES OF 1882,

Paid Roberts and Brown, labor,	\$41 22
Justin Rugg, “	9 00
Eli J. Burrington, “	7 45
Starkey and Lombard, plank,	54 57
“ “ labor,	3 60
David W. Snow “	1 50
C. F. White, plank,	12 80
M. P. Davenport, plank,	3 25
R. S. Fairbanks. labor,	13 00
Henry A. Scott, “	5 47
E. B. Stewart, plank,	15 75
E. D. Alexander, plank,	5 00
Amos Stewart, labor, timber, and plank,	19 12
L. D. Smith, plank,	27 54
George A. White, plank,	16 00
S. W. Wheeler, “	3 84
Griswoldville Manufacturing Co., plank,	20 00
David W. Nelson, plank,	3 00
Morris Pierce and Son, timber,	31 67
John C. Thompson, labor,	4 00
David W. Snow, labor, plank,	20 40
Geo. R. Patterson, “ “	3 00
E. F. Copeland, “ “	8 00
G. W. Miller, “ “	8 00
Joel Cone, timber,	4 25
John A. Dwight, labor and timber,	12 25
Lorenzo Spurr, “ “	31 38
Earl Shearer, “ “	13 50
Total,	\$398 56

NEW BRIDGE AT THE CITY.

Paid L. A. Cook, lumber,	\$144 30
E. Reed, drawing lumber,	25 00
Carroll Davenport,	4 02
S. Allens' Sons, iron,	6 40
A. W. Hinsdale, timber,	9 75
Horace Starks, labor,	30 00
Henry Cromack, drawing lumber,	44 25
J. B. Cromack, " "	35 00
Samuel Stone, labor,	9 75
J. T. Davis, " "	77 53
Starkey & Lombard, lumber,	167 56
T. S. Lincoln, labor,	58 50
Dana F. Dutton, labor,	54 00
Henry Gleason, iron work,	17 85
Frank Hall, labor,	6 00
Henry Curtis, labor,	7 95
Albert Day, lumber,	60 75
Roberts & Brown, labor,	39 00
J. C. Call, iron,	2 40
David W. Snow, timber,	48 24
J. W. Rugg, labor,	6 75
Nelson Joy, labor,	8 00
J. B. Clark, drawing lumber,	33 80
W. H. Donelson, labor,	1 50
G. A. Russell, earth for filling,	10 00
Lorenzo Spurr, labor,	15 00
Earl Shearer, labor,	9 00
A. C. Smith, nails,	20 26
David W. Snow, labor,	17 37

\$969 93

CR. By lumber sold to Griswoldville M'f'g Co., 34 93

Total cost, \$935 00

SUPPORT OF POOR

Paid Worcester Hospital, for support of Herbert Davenport,	\$187 91
Frank Bell, for support of Ann Bell in 1881,	64 28
C. F. White, for support of Sybil Tisdale, '81,	50 00
Roberts & Brown, " " " '82,	90 00
Roberts & Brown, support of Ann Bell,	150 81
Roberts & Brown, " " Antis Wood,	100 00
H. S. Swan, Coffin for Mrs. Gauthere,	12 00
H. S. Swan, " " Mrs. Gauthere's child,	5 00
H. S. Swan, " " Joel R. Davenport,	15 00
Griswoldville Manufacturing Co., for support of John Cole,	36 00
State, for support of Sarah Chappell, at Tewksbury,	225 99
Greenfield, for support of Charles McCloud,	90 00
" " " " Mrs. Cook,	5 00
Dr. Brinley, Medical Attendance,	25 00
Dr. Lamb, on account of Greenfield Poor,	8 00
Earl Shearer, for cash paid on account of Poor,	11 00
George Thompson, support of David Harwood,	60 00
	\$1135 99

RAILING HIGHWAYS.

Paid Henry Z. Smith,	\$24 80
Frank L. Brown,	8 76
C. W. Smith,	14 00
David W. Snow,	27 00
H. F. Purrington,	3 00
	\$77 56

FORTIFYING ROAD NEAR J. T. McCLELLEN'S.

Paid Webster Smith,	\$48 60
James T. McClellen,	82 00
	\$130 60

INTEREST.

Paid C. H. Merrill,	\$201 64
Franklin Saving Institutions,	517 50
Benjamin H. Sperry,	305 00
	\$1024 14

DEBTS.

Paid C. H. Merrill,	\$2000 00
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HIGHWAY DAMAGE.

Paid Elial B. Smith,	\$20 00
A. H. Wood,	8 00
	\$28 00

ABATEMENTS.

Paid Assessors' Abatements,	\$197 30
B. H. Sperry,	108 80
	\$306 10

Paid for schools,	\$2133 24
Paid State Tax,	\$780 00
Paid State Aid,	\$96 00
On account of Indigent Soldiers,	96 00
	\$192 00

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Selectman, Earl Shearer,	\$50 00
“ John A. Dwight,	26 00
“ Lorenzo Spurr,	25 00
	\$101 00
Assessor, Arthur A. Smith,	\$57 50
“ Thomas D. Purrington,	52 50
“ Charles B. Dennison,	42 00
	\$152 00
“ School Committee, Orsen B. Curtis,	\$35 00
“ “ David A. Strong,	33 00
“ “ Jonathan E. Davenport, 1881,	24 00
	\$92 00
Town Clerk, A. C. Smith,	\$50 00
Sexton, Albert Nelson,	\$10 00
“ Henry J. Smith,	14 00
“ Theodore Shearer,	4 00
“ Oliver H. Taylor,	4 00
	\$32 00
Hearseman, T. C. Shearer,	\$25 50

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid H. H. Prouty, Repairing Hearse,	\$ 4 50
for Road Scraper,	158 00
Freight, “	6 10
Cecil T. Bagnall, Printing Reports,	11 50
for Tax Schedule, for Assessors,	8 00
Collector's Book, “	1 10
Stationery, “	2 36
H. L. Gleason, work on Road Scraper,	2 00
Field & Hall, Printing Assessor's Notices,	3 50
W. S. Carson, “ town orders,	2 25
S. O. Lamb, counsel,	5 00
A. C. Smith, Recording Births,	14 50
A. C. Smith, “ Marriages,	2 85
A. C. Smith, “ Deaths,	7 30
A. C. Smith, carrying votes to Bernardston,	2 50.
A. C. Smith, express and postage,	5 10
Earl Shearer, “ “	3 00
	\$239 56

SUMMARY.

Receipts,		\$13598 04
Disbursements,	\$11320 48	
Cash in treasury, Feb. 20, 1883,	2277 56	
		\$13598 04

DEBT OF THE TOWN.

Due Franklin Savings Institution,	\$11500 00	
B. H. Sperry,	6400 00	
Outstanding demands,	100 00	
		\$18000 00

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Balance in treasury Feb. 20, 1883,	\$2277 56	
Due from State on account of State Aid,	144 00	
Due from collector, for tax of 1882,	107 48	
“ Greenfield on account of Pauper,	8 00	
		\$2537 04
Balance against the Town above Resources,		\$15462 96

ESTIMATED NECESSARY APPROPRIATIONS.

Highways and Bridges,	\$1800 00
Schooling,	2000 00
Paupers,	1000 00
Interest,	900 00
Town Officers,	500 00
Incidentals,	100 00
To pay on Town Debt,	1500 00
	\$7800 00

Respectfully submitted,

EARL SHEARER,	}	SELECTMEN
J. A. DWIGHT,		OF
LORENZO SPURR,		COLRAIN.

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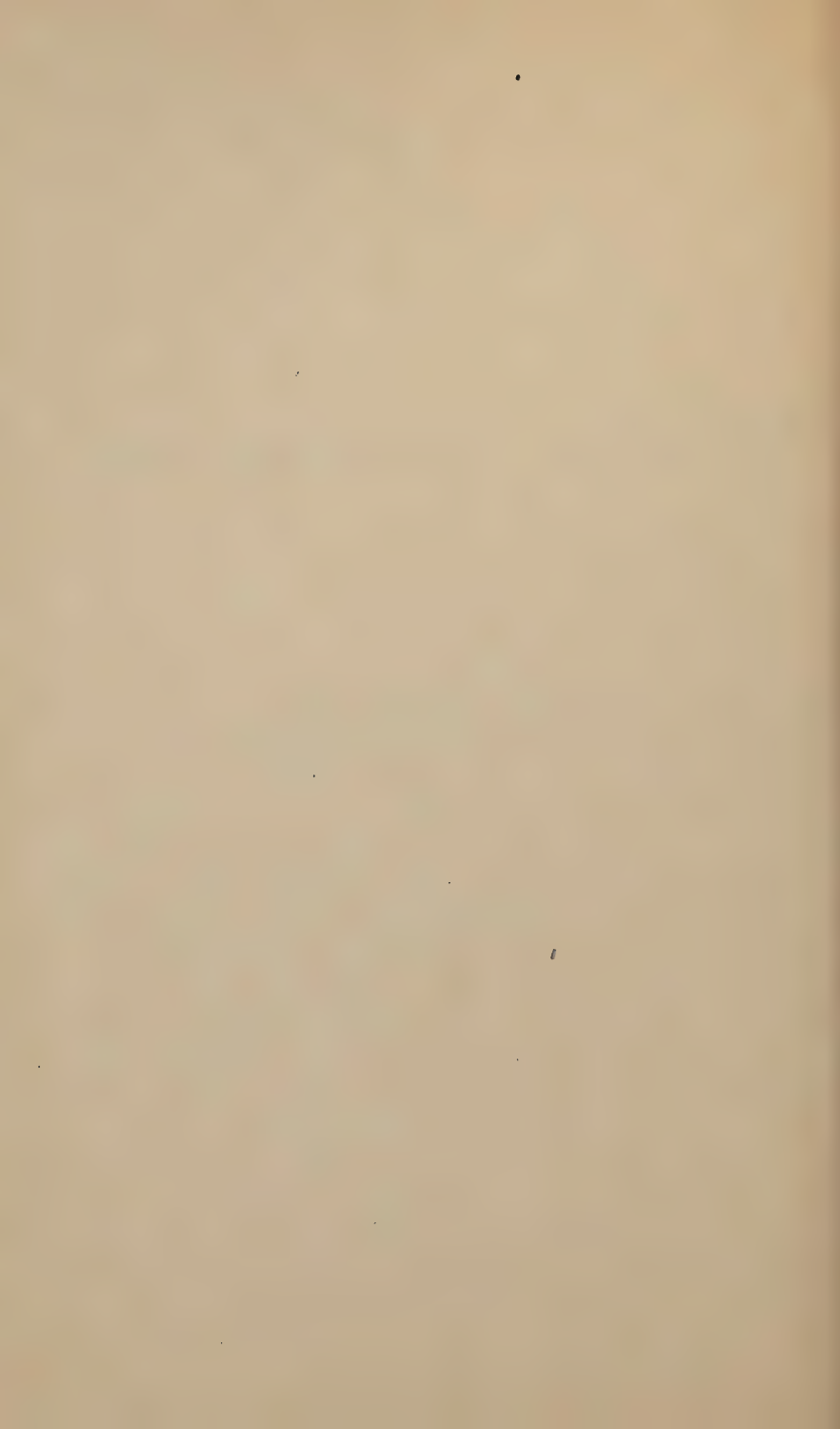
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SCHOOL REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS :—

In making a report of our schools for the past year, we are able to say that in most of the schools it has been a year of no small success. We thank you for your co-operation with us and the interest that you have manifested in the schools.

TEACHERS.

It has been our aim to procure, so far as possible, teachers who have had experience in teaching. We have been enabled to do so in some cases where we could not were it not for the fact that there are teachers in town who are so situated that they can teach for less wages than a teacher from out of town.

After using all the precaution possible in the selection of teachers, we have sometimes failed to secure one suited for the place.

A teacher may have good success in one school and make a complete failure of another. We believe that the cause of this in many cases is from a want of good government on the part of the teacher. No school will return the full value of the money expended unless good order is preserved.

TEXT BOOKS.

In the report of one year ago it was recommended advisable to make a change of Geographies and Grammars, as there are so many different kinds in our schools, and the ones prescribed are out of date. We have not yet decided upon a change of the above named books, but are still of the opinion that a change should be made.

You can see at once the advantage of uniformity of text books in a school. It reduces the number of classes and thereby gives each scholar more of the teacher's time.

ATTENDANCE.

The average membership for the past year is one less than the year before. But we are glad to announce that the average attendance is six and one-half greater; also, that in several of the schools there is a marked improvement in punctuality, there being but very few tardy marks upon some of the registers. We will give the parents the credit of this as we believe that they are responsible to a great extent for the punctuality of their children at school.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

Much has been done by way of repairs during the past year and still more needs to be done. Extra seats were procured for the Foundry and Griswoldville school houses, which, together with the repairs, made it necessary to go beyond the appropriation.

We believe that the old adage, "a stitch in time saves nine," can be applied with great force to our school houses. If a school house is kept in good repair, most scholars will have pride enough to keep it neat and not mar it, while if a school house is neglected until it gets badly out of repair, there are but few scholars who will not aid in its destruction.

IN CONCLUSION

We would say that the responsibility of making our schools a success or a failure does not all lie with the committee, with the

teachers, or with the patrons. But we think that if the responsibility rests more upon one class than another it is upon the patrons. It does not require an experienced eye to decide which scholars of a school have encouragement at home. We do not expect that every patron will visit the schools, but there is one thing that every patron can do, and that is to help your scholars at home. Show them that you have an interest in their school and good results will follow.

STATISTICS.

	No. Terms.	No. Weeks.	No. Scholars.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.
Adamsville,	2	24	24	19	17 $\frac{3}{4}$
Bardwell,	2	24	9	7 5-6	7
Brick,	2	24	21	16 $\frac{1}{3}$	14 $\frac{2}{3}$
Christian Hill,	2	24	26	19 $\frac{1}{3}$	17 $\frac{1}{3}$
Churchell,	2	24	21	13	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
City,	2	24	45	35 $\frac{1}{2}$	32
Elm Grove,	2	24	18	16	14 $\frac{1}{2}$
Foundry,	2	24	72	56 $\frac{1}{4}$	49 $\frac{1}{3}$
Griswoldville,	3	34	62	42 $\frac{3}{4}$	40
Miller,	2	24	5	5	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Shattuckville,	2	24	38	24	19 $\frac{1}{2}$
Spurr,	2	24	26	20 $\frac{1}{2}$	17 $\frac{1}{2}$
South,	2	24	13	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	8
Wilson Hill,	2	24	11	9	8 $\frac{1}{3}$

FINANCES.

PAID TEACHERS.

W. H. Davenport,	\$78 00
Clara F. Davenport,	87 00
Hattie E. Vincent,	132 00
Winnie E. Purinton,	60 00
Minnie L. Hillman,	150 00
Grace Burrington,	66 00
Eva Phillips,	222 00
Hattie Purinton,	60 00
Clara E. Conant,	114 00
Alice M. Thompson,	132 00
Addie M. Smead,	60 00
Lizzie E. Stratton,	126 00
Lottie M. Woodard,	62 00
Abbie M. Hardy,	144 00
Mrs. Jennie Smith,	84 00
Emma A. Donelson,	66 00
Ella P. Donelson,	54 00
Mr. M. M. Mowry,	170 00
Mr. F. C. Bell,	72 00
Mr. P. J. Flagg,	90 00
	\$2029 00

PAID SUNDRIES.

Fuel,	\$161 46
Cleaning School Houses,	22 00
Supplies,	27 28
New Seats, Foundry,	81 00
New Seats, Griswoldville,	32 25
Setting Seats,	12 02
Repairs,	133 45
Tuition and Board,	17 75
S. W. Wheeler, Old Bill,	64 23
	\$551 44

TOTAL.

Paid Teachers,	\$2029 00	
All Other Bills,	551 44	
		\$2580 44

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,	\$2000 00	
Unused Funds from last year,	139 05	
State School Fund,	231 42	
Dog Money,	55 00	
		\$2425 47

MISCELLANEOUS.

Number of Schools in Town,	14
Number of Persons between 5 and 15,	305
Number of Persons between 8 and 14,	188
Whole number attending school,	362
Average membership,	282
Average attendance,	265
Number over 15 years,	32
Number under 15 years,	7
Whole number months school,	86½
Average number months each school,	6 5-28
Number male teachers,	4
Number female teachers,	16
Average wages of male teachers,	\$26 85
Average wages of female teachers,	\$21 58

J. E. DAVENPORT,	}	SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF COLRAIN.
D. A. STRONG,		
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REPORT.



FELLOW CITIZENS OF COLRAIN:—We are again before you with this our annual report. We have laid before you every item of our receipts, and also every cent of our expenditures is fairly exhibited. Your appropriations have proved sufficient in all cases except for Highways and Bridges, on account of the heavy shower, the 13th of July, which did more damage to roads in the north part of the town, than did the freshets of 1869 or 1878, which made the extra expense of about one thousand dollars. We also found the bridge at the Red Mill to be unsafe and had to be rebuilt.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of the Town of Colrain, have this 20th day February, settled with the Treasurer of the Town, and find his accounts with the same to be as follows :

A. C. SMITH, TREASURER.

DR.

To cash on hand Feb. 20, 1883,	\$2277 56
Balance on taxes of 1882,	107 48
Cash rec'd from Shattuckville for wood,	1 00
Cash rec'd of A.C.Smith, for hearse house,	10 00
“ “ State, Corporation Tax,	452 95
“ “ “ Bank Tax,	206 25
“ “ “ State Aid,	144 00
“ “ “ State School Fund,	231 45
“ “ County, on account Dog Tax,	73 55
“ “ H. B. Miller, on account of error in taxes,	7 80
“ “ John D. Miller on tax of 1883,	9745 36

\$13257. 40

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By Paid Selectmen's Orders,	\$5874 36
School Committee's Orders,	2848 85
State Aid,	146 51
State Tax,	570 00
County Tax,	1048 18
B. H. Sperry on Town Debt,	1500 00
Cash on hand,	1269 50

\$13257 40

A. C. SMITH, TREASURER.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Highways and Bridges, of 1882-83,	\$43 71
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HIGHWAYS OF 1883-'84.

Paid Roberts & Brown,	28 00
Fred Bail,	20 70
Joshua Purrington,	16 50
Joseph Moran,	9 00
Monroe Harris,	17 65
Orrin Vincent,	2 00
C. F. White,	7 00
Charles Maxam,	9 25
George F. White,	43 00
O. E. Miller,	2 25
L. D. Smith,	25 00
L. W. Babbitt,	53 10
Henry Howard,	18 50
O. H. Taylor,	35 63
Jonathan Davenport,	4 50
Mrs. Ellen Vincent,	5 00
C. L. Donelson,	11 00
Uri Bradley,	5 00
Elery Chase,	3 00
Geo. R. Jeffords,	22 50
Ruel Cobb,	52 85
O. B. Kendrick,	3 40
J. J. Dwight,	11 25
C. W. Hillman,	6 45
J. B. Miner,	4 50
J. P. Sturtevant,	14 60
Rufus Merrifield,	8 25
E. V. Benjamin,	5 25
R. C. Porter,	4 75
Elisha Pike,	15 00
R. S. Fairbanks,	31 00

Paid W. A. Upton,	\$50 40
G. H. Phillips,	11 70
Enos Stanton,	6 00
E. J. Davenport,	5 25
Charles Townsley,	1 50
R. W. Stacy,	6 30
S. F. Upton,	8 70
John E. Bowen	1 50
Dennis Galvin,	15 60
C. Vaulkenburg,	5 25
Frank Fairbanks,	6 00
J. R. Smith,	6 75
G. A. Thompson,	37 00
H. P. Carr,	16 95
Frank Dunnell,	10 50
Fred Smith,	7 12
G. M. Taintor,	35 00
E. C. Yeaw,	75
Fred Real,	2 62
Ed. Cobb,	7 00
G. D. Stetson,	17 25
C. H. Vincent,	12 95
Joseph B. Clark,	95 87
Corriden Simonds,	4 37
Luke White,	4 50
C. W. Shattuck,	55 70
James Kendrick,	13 12
H. A. Scott,	25 90
H. C. and C. H. Cromack,	48 60
James Carpenter,	39 00
M. P. Davenport,	23 25
George E. Yeaw,	21 15
Amos Stewart,	4 50
Amos Stewart, on Green River,	8 30
D. W. Nelson,	4 50
Dennis Wilson,	11 75
T. R. and C. A. Shearer,	11 00
Arad Nichols,	6 00
John Gilchrist,	4 50
Nelson Joy,	3 45
Erastus Green,	6 50
C. H. Steel,	9 00

Paid M. M. Johnson,	\$10 50
E. J. Burrington,	22 95
John Thompson,	5 00
F. W. Marthers,	5 25
Wm. H. H. Wilson,	4 20
Matthew Barber,	11 25
Elial B. Smith,	6 00
F. L. Shearer,	19 25
Harry Bell,	8 00
Thomas Smead,	6 50
A. A. Smith,	10 00
Horace Browning,	11 50
Horace Browning, on Green River,	6 00
F. L. Brown,	2 25
S. W. Wheeler,	100 20
E. J. Davenport,	3 45
R. T. Miller,	3 40
William Martin,	5 06
T. D. Conant,	12 10
William Stewart,	3 00
William Stewart, on Green River,	4 00
John Call,	2 50
C. B. Dennison,	13 00
C. B. Dennison, on Green River,	12 50
A. P. Nelson,	10 25
A. P. Nelson, on Green River,	10 00
H. M. Peterson,	3 75
A. H. Temple,	2 84
Franklin & Dickerson,	41 00
Joel Lombard,	2 25
Orson Call,	3 60
J. P. Cromack,	12 90
Dwight Brown,	3 00
N. F. Shippee,	8 90
Jonathan Coombs,	30 00
Zina Cary,	3 75
Charles Shearer and son,	1 05
George L. Pierce,	6 75
N. M. Walden,	4 50

Paid John Churchell,	\$3 00
J. P. Bell,	1 50
Edmond B. Stewart,	21 00
Fred Thompson,	18 00
Orrin Houghton,	9 00
N. S. Harris,	17 52
Harris & Miner,	7 50
R. E. Martin,	9 75
J. S. Bell,	11 25
Griswoldville M'fg Co.,	39 47
C. W. Smith,	11 50
Henry J. Smith,	19 00
John L. Clark,	8 64
Abel Dutton,	14 25
S. F. Warren,	2 25
Charles R. Snow,	9 00
Roberts & Brown,	17 00
Wayne Hillman,	34 00
Hoel Roberts,	4 50
Alden Streeter,	4 50
J. Milo Miller,	18 00
H. F. Purrington,	8 25
Frank McCloud,	2 25
Webster Smith,	6 75
George H. Stewart,	7 50
Clarence McGee,	5 00
C. D. Miner,	3 75
Horace Kemp,	15 00
Steven G. Davenport,	1 90
Elias Bardwell,	6 33
A. B. Nelson,	5 25
E. F. Copeland,	3 00
E. & R. Coombs,	12 00
G. W. Miller,	22 50
C. S. Cary,	16 35
Milo Thompson,	10 00
Charles Call,	3 00
A. W. Hinsdale,	7 25
Joel Cone,	12 75
A. C. Smith,	8 74
Joshua Purrington,	1 50

Paid John A. Dwight,	\$28 00
David L. Smith,	2 00
William Sessler,	9 00
E. Shearer,	35 50
Lorenzo Spurr,	12 92
	\$2130 16

BRIDGES.

PLANK, TIMBER AND LABOR ON BRIDGES.

Paid Albert Day, plank,	\$36 00
C. T. White, timber,	4 50
Henry Howard, labor,	3 00
C. L. Donelson, “	20 00
Frank Hall, “	3 00
R. C. Porter, “	12 00
R. S. Fairbanks, “	19 00
G. A. Thompson, labor,	12 00
Starkey & Lombard, plank,	55 29
G. M. Taintor, labor,	7 50
E. C. Yeaw, “	8 45
Starkey & Lombard, labor,	6 64
Frank Hall, “	7 50
Ed. Cobb, “	18 00
Ed. Kendrick, “	2 47
H. L. Gleason, Iron work,	10 30
C. W. Shattuck, at Fox Bridge,	52 91
Amos Stewart, Plank,	14 87
C. B. Dennison, “	2 67
A. H. Temple, “	1 44
E. B. Stewart, “ and labor,	13 35

Paid Griswoldville Manufacturing Company, labor,	\$5 96
Charles R. Snow, labor,	7 00
D. M. Pierce, plank,	6 43
Webster Smith, timber,	7 30
E. F. Copeland, labor,	5 00
D. W. Nelson, plank,	8 65
T. R. and C. A. Shearer,	5 20
C. H. Steel, labor,	2 77
M. M. Johnson,	9 50
John Thompson, labor,	5 00
Hugh Thompson, “	17 50
Harry Bell,	5 00
D. W. Snow, labor and timber,	39 54
S. W. Wheeler, “ “ “	16 90
J. A. Dwight, “ “ “	33 38
Earl Shearer, “ “ “	22 60
L. Spurr, timber and labor,	50 00
	\$558 62

RAILING HIGHWAY.

Paid C. Webster Smith,	\$27 20
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NEW ROAD ORDERED BY COMMISSIONERS.

• Paid Zina Cary,	\$28 25
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COST OF NEW BRIDGE NEAR MRS. VINCENT'S.

Paid Charles F. White, Timber,	\$81 80
O. B. Kendrick, Labor,	15 00
Fred Kendrick, “	31 18
Ruel Cobb,	25 50
	\$153 48

COST OF BRIDGE NEAR RED MILL.

Paid Cyrus Boyd, Timber,	\$42 09
Turners Falls Lumber Co., Timber,	22 00
George L. Pierce, Timber,	47 30
L. B. Moore & Son, Labor,	37 00
	\$148 39

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid O. H. Lamb, Medical Attendance,	\$ 37 25
Roberts & Brown, Support of Ann Bell, Antis	
Wood, Sybel Tisdale and Sarah Chappell,	214 21
Worcester Hospital, acc't of Herbert Davenport,	52 62
George Thompson, on acc't of David Harwood,	60 00
State, on acc't of Sarah Chappell,	30 25
J. A. Dwight, on acc't of David Davenport,	15 00
Northampton, on acc't of Paupers,	36 86
Greenfield, acc't James Waller and C. Carroll,	98 16
Griswoldville M'fg Co., acc't of Herbert Werden,	11 33
Mrs. Yeaw, on acc't of Mrs. Vincent,	55 70
Dr. Willis, Medical Attendance,	5 00
Dr. Lamb, on account of Shelburne Pauper,	9 00
Deerfield, on account of Mrs. Cook,	23 00
George Russell, on account of George Cook,	27 25
Earl Shearer, cash on account of Paupers,	13 40
	\$689 03

HIGHWAY DAMAGE.

Paid Wm. H. H. Wilson,	\$100 00
Charles W. Smith,	50 00
	\$150 00

INTEREST.

Paid Franklin Savings Institution,	\$517 50
Packard Bank,	5 25
B. H. Sperry,	452 25
	\$975 00

DEBTS.

Paid B. H. Sperry,	\$1500 00
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ABATEMENTS.

Paid B. H. Sperry's Abatement,	\$99 84
Assessors' "	56 26

Paid State Tax,	\$570 00
County Tax,	1048 18
For Schools,	2848 85
State Aid,	146 51

COST IN DAVID L. SMITH TAX CASE.

S. O. Lamb, counsel,	\$25 00
A. A. Smith, witness fees,	9 90
Charles B. Dennison,	6 60
Thomas D. Purrington,	8 10
O. Maxwell,	3 50
L. B. Moore,	2 55
Paid David L. Smith,	17 00
	\$72 65

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid Roberts & Brown, for crossing land while building bridge,	\$10 00
John D. Miller, Tax Bills, 1882,	3 50
State, on account of National Bank Tax,	16 87
Repairs for Road Scraper,	20 25
Cecil T. Bagnall, Printing Town Reports,	12 00
Cecil T. Bagnall, Tax Schedules,	4 65
Griswoldville M'fg Co., Land for Town Road,	35 00
O. H. Lamb, Collecting Births,	3 25
A. A. Smith, Settling with Tax Collector, 1882,	2 50
W. S. Carson, Printing,	2 00
H. B. Miller, Stationery and Tax Book,	3 25
A. C. Smith, Express and Postage,	4 70
A. C. Smith, Collecting and Recording Births,	16 50
A. C. Smith, Collecting and Recording Deaths,	12 50
A. C. Smith, Collecting and Recording Marriages,	2 25
Carrying Votes to Bernardston,	2 00
John D. Miller, Tax Bills and Postage, 1883,	4 00
Henry A. Smith, Trimmings for Hearse,	8 55
Earl Shearer, Express and Postage,	3 50
	\$167 27

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Paid Selectman	Earl Shearer,	\$50 00
"	" John A. Dwight,	25 00
"	" Lorenzo Spurr,	25 00
		\$100 00

Paid Assessor,	William Stewart,	\$20 00
"	" Hugh B. Miller,	62 50
"	" George R. Purrington,	25 00
		\$107 50

Paid School Committee,	John E. Davenport, 1882,	\$25 00
"	" " O. B. Curtis, 1883,	35 00
"	" " D. A. Strong, 1883,	37 00
		\$97 00

Paid Town Clerk,	A. C. Smith,	\$50 00
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Paid Collector,	John D. Miller, 1882,	\$125 00
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Paid Sexton,	O. H. Taylor,	\$6 00
"	" Henry J. Smith,	34 00
"	" A. B. Nelson,	6 00
"	" T. C. Shearer,	10 00
		\$56 00

Paid Harseman,	T. C. Shearer,	\$39 00
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SUMMARY.

Receipts,	\$13257 40
Disbursements,	\$11987 90
Cash in Treasury, Feb. 20th, 1884,	1269 50
	\$13257 40

DEBT OF THE TOWN.

Due Franklin Savings Institution,	\$11500 00	
B. H. Sperry,	4900 00	
		\$16400 00

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Balance in Treasury Feb. 20th, 1884,	\$1269 50	
Due from State on Account of State Aid,	144 00	
Collector of 1883,	80 69	
Shelburne on account of Pauper,	9 00	
Greenfield on account of Pauper,	8 00	
		\$1511 19
Balance against the Town above Resources,		\$14888 81

ESTIMATED NECESSARY APPROPRIATIONS.

Highways and Bridges,	\$2000 00	
Schooling,	2000 00	
Paupers,	1000 00	
Interest,	800 00	
Town Officers' Bills,	500 00	
Incidentals,	100 00	
To Pay on Town Debt,	1500 00	
		\$7900 00

Respectfully Submitted,

EARL SHEARER,	}	SELECTMEN
JOHN A. DWIGHT,		OF
LORENZO SPURR,		COLRAIN.

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SCHOOL REPORT.

GENTLEMEN :

In making the annual report on the state of the schools some thoughts and facts deserve special consideration.

Our Commonwealth, in the school system which it has established, aims to bring within the reach of every young person an education which shall render him competent to meet the demands of business in all the ordinary relations of life. This system is compulsory. It requires every town to support such a number of schools in convenient localities for six months a year as shall accommodate all the children of a certain age within its limits. It requires the parents and guardians of such children to see to it that they attend school at least twenty weeks every school year. This fact shows the importance which the Commonwealth attaches to the matter of education, and the care with which it guards against illiteracy. It shows its purpose that intelligence shall be diffused throughout its boundaries, and that every citizen, on coming to years of maturity, shall be qualified, other things being equal, to prosecute the ordinary activities of life with success.

The course and action of the State in this regard is an incentive to the citizens of every town to maintain such schools as shall not only fully answer the demands of the law, but as shall also be a credit to itself. In order to do this it must provide ample means. It must make such an appropriation annually as shall enable the School Board to furnish suitable buildings, keep them in good repair, and provide competent teachers.

Allow us to say in this connection, that for several years, your Committee have felt that the annual appropriations have hardly been sufficient for these purposes. The number of pupils had so increased at the Foundry school two years ago as to necessitate the division of the school into two departments and the employment of an additional teacher. Last winter it also became necessary to divide the school at Griswoldville. The pay of two additional teachers and the incidental expenses of two primary departments require an additional expenditure of at least \$250 ; and your Committee recommend an increase in the annual appropriation of \$250, to meet the increased expenses.

The division of the school at Griswoldville, necessitates the providing and furnishing of another school room. Your Committee think this can be done without building a new school house, namely, by altering the present school building so that access can be gained to the hall above from the outside and taking the space now occupied by the entry, stairway and hat room for a school room for the primary department. It is estimated that \$200 will cover the expense and your Committee recommend that this sum be appropriated for this purpose.

The school house in the Bardwell district has for several years been in a very bad condition and so uncomfortable as to be entirely unfit for a school in the winter. A new school house there seems to be needful. The old building can be made fit for further service only by repairs so extensive as to be nearly equivalent to making it over. Your Committee are inclined to think that the wisest way will be to build anew.

During the past year your Committee have built and furnished a new school house on Christian Hill, which is satisfactory, so far as we know, to the inhabitants in that part of the town. They have also made a change in some of the school books, substituting Harper's geographies and grammars for the text books of various authors in these branches hitherto used in the schools, thus securing a desirable uniformity.

Your Committee have the pleasure of saying that the schools as a whole, in their opinion, during the year, have exhibited a progressive efficiency, though none of them have been perfect and some of them have fallen below the standard of excellence we had hoped they would reach. If there is one particular more than another in which some of the teachers have failed to give satisfaction, it is that of government. In several cases this has been serious, and detrimental to the best interests of the schools. In this respect teachers do not always have the sympathy of all the parents and this makes it difficult for them to maintain such a measure of discipline as should be characteristic of every school. No school can do its best in which there is a lack of discipline and no teacher can fully satisfy his patrons when such is the case.

The prevalence of contagious diseases in some parts of the town has caused the average attendance to fall below that of previous years. It ought also to be said, that some of the parents in the factory villages, more especially those who come from the British Provinces, not realizing the value of a good education, and desirous of the wages which their children can earn in the mills, fail to see the importance of sending their children to school regularly. In this connection your Committee would call attention to the act of the Legislature of 1883, Chap. 224, Sec. 1. "No child under ten years of age shall be employed in any manufacturing, mechanical or mercantile establishment in this Commonwealth; and no child under twelve years of age shall be so employed during the hours in which the public schools are in session in the city or town in which he resides. Any parent or guardian who permits such employment shall for such offence forfeit not less than \$20, nor more than \$50 for the use of the public schools of the city or town."

Many foreign families are indifferent whether their children attend school or not. Many of the absences must be attributed to this fact.

It is the hope of your Committee that in this and other respects the schools will greatly improve during the present year. It will be their earnest endeavor to secure an end so desirable. In this they hope to have the sympathy and co-operation of the parents and others, whom they cordially invite to visit the schools frequently, thus manifesting their interest in them and encouraging both teachers and pupils to do their best.

STATISTICS.

	No. Terms.	No. Weeks.	No. Scholars.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.
Adamsville,	2	24	23	17.1	15.2
Bardwell,	2	24	6	6	4
Brick,	2	24	24	20.6	19.4
Christian Hill,	2	24	24	20.3	18.3
Churchill,	2	24	17	11.2	7.8
City,	2	24	33	28.5	24
Elm Grove,	2	24	26	19.8	18.2
Foundry, Inter.,	2	24	33	24.3	20.4
" Primary,	2	24	51	24	20.9
Griswoldville,	2	24	69	55.3	51.1
Miller,	2	24	12	10.6	6.5
Shattuckville,	2	24	52	31.2	23.4
South,	2	24	8	5.5	5.1
Spurr,	2	24	25	16.5	15.1
Wilson Hill,	2	24	11	8.4	7.5

FINANCES.

PAID TEACHERS.

Ella P. Donelson,	\$114 00
Grace L. Bell,	54 00
Alice M. Thompson,	123 00
Clara E. Conant,	108 00
Mrs. Jennie Smith,	72 00
Lauretta L. Shearer,	78 00

Hattie P. Wilder,	48 00
Abbie M. Hardy,	48 00
Emma A. Donelson,	60 00
Clara A. Howard,	54 00
Hattie E. Vincent,	180 66
Emma H. Dwight,	108 00
Myra E. Dewey,	22 00
Eva Phillips,	72 00
Clara Davenport,	60 00
Cora B. Davenport,	60 00
Winnie E. Purinton,	55 00
Marion A. Purinton,	60 00
Mina L. Hillman,	137 50
Carrie B. Perkins,	72 00
Inez Field,	72 00
George F. Loomis,	22 50
Frank T. Daniels,	72 00
Orren D. Purrington,	115 00
George E. Clark,	84 00
Reuben C. Hillman,	60 00
Total,	\$2,011 66

PAID SUNDRIES.

Fuel,	\$189 34
Cleaning School Houses,	16 75
Supplies,	23 95
Tuition and Carrying,	5 00
Repairs,	168 11
C. A. Marcy, Bill for Stoves, Pipe, &c.,	24 91
C. A. Marcy, Bill for 1882,	18 49
E. D. Alexander, Old Bill,	10 00
Building and Furnishing New School House,	463 40
Total,	\$914 95

Paid Teachers,	\$2,011 66
All other Bills,	914 95

Total,	\$2,926 61
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RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,	\$2,450 00	
State School Fund,	231 45	
Dog Money,	73 55	
Wood,	1 00	
		\$2,756 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Number of schools in town, 15.
 Number of persons between 5 and 15, 349.
 Number of persons between 8 and 14, 245.
 Whole number attending school, 414.
 Average membership, 360.
 Average attendance, 256.
 Number over 15 years, 47.
 Number under 5 years, 6.
 Whole number months schools, 90.
 Number of male teachers, 5.
 Number of female teachers, 21.
 Average wages of male teachers, \$24.60.
 Average wages of female teachers, \$20.81.

D. A. STRONG,	}	SCHOOL
O. B. CURTIS,		COMMITTEE OF
J. E. DAVENPORT,		COLERAINE.

DETAIL NO. 6.

SUNDRY BILLS.

Bangs and others bills, at O. M. Gains',	12,67
Printing Selectmen's Report,	15,00
do School Report	18,00
Stationery and express for School Committee,	85
H. A. Flagg for tolling bell in 1868—9,	4,00
S. O. Lamb, counsel,	16,00
Walter Bell, damage for discontinuing road,	30,00
for getting bridge timber and irons,	84,30
A. C. Smith, stationery and express,	17,35
Expenses of Bangs and others,	3,25
Wm. Stewart, stamps, postage and express,	5,39
H. B. Miller, postage and stationery,	2,05
Expense of derrick,	269,03
Collecting, recording and returning births,	
deaths and marriages,	14,80
Expense of appraising school district property,	60,00
	\$552,69

DETAIL NO. 7.

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

C. Smith, Clerk and Treasurer,	40,00
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SELECTMEN'S BILLS.

Stewart,	53,25	
Smith,	56,00	
Pierce,	60,50	169,75

ASSESSORS' BILLS.

Miller,	98,00	
Arery,	16,00	
Parrington,	21,00	135,00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S BILL.

Snow,	57,50	
Davenport,	20,00	
Smith,	19,00	96,50

SEXTONS' BILLS.

Donelson,	10,50	
York,	14,00	
Parrington,	10,50	35,00
Man's Bill		31,25
		\$507,50

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The Selectmen of the town of Colrain have this 21st day of February settled with the Treasurer of the town, and find his accounts with the same to be as follows:

A. C. SMITH, Treasurer, DR.

To cash on hand Feb. 20, 1884,	\$1269 50
“ from tax of Horace Stark,	2 00
“ “ Franklin Savings Institution,	4900 00
“ “ Packard National Bank,	495 62
“ “ Tax of 1883,	80 69
“ “ Corporation tax,	109 49
“ “ National Bank tax,	186 89
“ “ State aid,	96 00
“ “ Military aid,	48 00
“ “ State school fund,	222 69
“ “ Dog fund,	57 65
“ “ Tax of 1884,	10412 25
	\$17880 78

CR.

Paid Selectmen's orders,	\$13324 39
School Committee's orders,	3753 06
State aid,	96 00
Military aid,	96 00
Cash on hand,	611 33
	\$17880 78

LABOR ON HIGHWAYS.

J. E. Davenport,	\$3 37
Conal Davenport,	3 75
S. B. Johnson,	3 50
H. L. Pickett,	10 50
Luther Purrington,	6 00
George Patterson,	2 24
Roberts & Brown,	5 00
Elias Bardwell,	2 70
John White,	3 00
Jed Stark,	5 00
J. J. Dwight,	2 15
James Mitchell,	1 50

C. W. Shattuck & Son,	\$12 00
Roberts & Brown,	20 20
A. Auger,	1 50
P. J. Flagg,	3 00
H. L. Pickett,	4 50
Joshua Purington,	4 40
Charles Mitchell,	29 40
Uri Bradley,	5 00
H. P. Carr,	4 50
R. C. Porter,	7 55
O. H. Taylor,	12 00
John E. Bowen,	8 00
George H. Phillips,	8 25
C. F. White,	17 05
S. F. Upton,	4 50
J. C. Van Valkenburg,	4 50
E. J. Davenport,	10 50
J. R. Smith,	1 25
C. S. Cary,	8 65
Charles Maxim,	5 40
C. Webster Smith,	2 00
C. B. Dennison,	10 50
R. W. Stacy,	7 65
J. J. Dwight,	15 63
L. H. Rogers,	6 00
A. H. Miller,	3 45
Charles Shearer,	21 00
E. R. Cobb,	21 45
A. P. Nelson,	8 40
Luke White,	1 50
E. J. Burrington,	16 13
Henry A. Scott,	4 45
H. M. Peterson,	10 20
Levi Davenport,	10 88
G. N. Kelly,	2 25
L. W. Babbitt,	7 50
G. N. Baker,	6 00
N. S. Harris,	6 00
C. W. McGee,	4 50

Harry Bell,	\$4 50
J. A. Dwight,	18 60
E. C. Harris,	10 61
C. Simonds,	8 65
S. B. Johnson,	6 75
George Taniter,	16 05
A. A. Smith,	13 60
George D. Stetson,	3 75
Hoel Roberts,	3 00
Ames Stewart,	9 70
Horace Kemp,	7 00
Joshua Purrington,	15 00
Abel Dutton,	12 06
T. D. Purrington,	13 75
R. D. Haughton,	5 25
Wm. Bardwell,	4 45
R. L. Merrifield,	13 45
Frank L. Purrington,	3 00
A. B. Nelson,	5 25
J. B. Clark,	45 67
Charles Call,	3 00
J. G. Oaks,	3 00
Milo A. Thompson,	9 00
Joel Cone,	11 50
F. W. Jeffards,	6 00
H. F. Purrington,	9 75
F. M. Thompson,	14 25
H. S. Browning,	8 68
J. W. Carpenter,	11 70
Charles Hillman,	3 75
O. B. Kendrick,	4 50
Ed. Kendrick,	6 75
L. W. Stratton,	15 30
C. F. White,	2 40
J. S. Bell,	11 50
R. S. Fairbanks,	9 50
E. B. Smith,	8 30
H. A. Howard,	8 63

D. W. Nelson,	\$6 75
Noyes & Miller,	6 00
Frank Dunnell,	5 20
S. M. Maxam,	1 05
Johnathan Coombs,	16 00
H. W. Thompson,	4 25
T. R. & C A. Shearer,	5 92
Erastus Green,	9 00
N. F. Shippee,	7 05
J. A. Lombard,	1 50
E. B. Stewart,	28 65
Matthew Barber,	4 50
J. P. Bell,	1 50
Dwight Brown,	1 50
R. C. Porter,	1 50
Frank L. Brown,	5 20
Wayne Hillman,	9 00
S. M. Wilson,	2 25
Charles W. Smith,	8 85
M. M. Johnson,	10 50
John L. Clark,	3 00
Elmer Yaw,	1 50
M. O. Nichols,	4 50
Elias Bardwell,	1 50
Arad Nichols,	3 45
John D. Gilchrist,	10 25
Chester W. Smith,	4 50
J. M. Miller,	5 20
A. Hinsdale,	6 00
Nelson Walden,	3 75
O. D. Kemp,	3 00
G. L. Pierce,	4 50
C. Simonds,	97
Henry A. Howard,	1 20
E. F. Copeland,	8 00
Earl Shearer,	27 50
Roberts & Brown,	13 15
E. J. Burrington,	1 15

C. B. Dennison,	\$4 00
H. L. Pickett,	5 25
G. R. Patterson,	10 50
H. O. Scott,	1 50
E. D. Alexander,	9 00
Thomas Smead,	5 65
F. D. Conant,	3 00
L. L. Brigham,	4 50
Henry J. Smith,	21 63
Lorenzo Spurr,	6 00
J. C. Thompson,	10 18
Eli Pike,	4 35
John Call,	2 25
G. W. Miller,	33 00
Fred Kendrick,	1 50
George Stewart,	9 00
Charles Steele,	8 00
John Sturtevant,	3 30
Fred Upton,	3 20
Dennis Galvin,	1 80
William Stewart,	8 00
C. H. Vincent,	1 50
E. R. Cobb,	2 70
J. B. Cromack,	4 20
Charles D Miner,	4 50
D W Snow,	6 75
C W Shattuck & Son,	32 96
Charles R Snow,	5 70
George J Davenport,	4 50
S W Wheeler,	34 69
Frank Thompson, 1883,	12 00
Frank Thompson, 1884,	26 25
S G Davenport,	4 60
J M Churchill,	3 75
D Wilson,	7 50
H C & C H Cromack,	4 50
David Wilson,	1 50
Orson Call,	2 25

Luther Purrington,	\$3 00
R & E Coombs,	9 25
C E Davenport,	3 00
U S Harris,	12 00
George R Jeffards,	9 75
A A Manley,	7 50
Ervin Miner,	1 50
William Martin,	10 03
Robert E Martin,	4 50
F L Shearer,	14 75
C L Donelson,	3 75
George White,	6 00
Francias Henshaw,	1 50
William A Dickinson,	23 45
John E Davenport,	4 20
	\$1443 08

BRIDGES.

E D Alexander, plank,	\$13 43
David Wilson,	9 00
L W Stratton, iron,	4 00
D W Snow, plank,	9 54
Roberts & Brown, labor,	15 00
B F Roberts, plank,	49 48
John Sturtevant, new bridge at Churchill's,	62 00
Henry L Gleason, iron,	15 69
H M Peterson, plank,	10 31
S B Johnson,	1 95
B H Newell & Co, iron,	3 11
Amos Stewart, timber,	8 00
A F & B F Stone, plank,	50 75
Wm W Cary, boards,	1 21
H F Purrington, labor,	3 50
L W Stratton, “	2 25
C F White, plank,	3 50
W H Donelson, labor,	6 00
R S Fairbanks & Son, labor,	5 00
T S Lincoln, “	1 05

Lorenzo Spurr, plank,	\$44 44
Lorenzo Spurr, labor,	7 50
Charles Steele, plank,	12 00
William Stewart, labor,	4 00
E. R. Cobb, plank and timber,	13 60
D. W. Snow, labor,	6 00
C. W. Shattuck & Son, labor and timber,	20 00
S. W. Wheeler, plank and timber,	31 57
Luther Purrington, labor,	5 00
T. C. Shearer, “	1 80
D. W. Nelson, plank,	6 09
E. B. Stewart, “ and timber,	2 55
S. C. Avery, labor and timber,	4 00
J. M. Miller, plank,	2 52
A. H. Temple, labor and timber	10 00
H. J. Smith, new bridge, Adamsville,	90 00
D. M. Pierce, labor and timber,	3 25
Roberts & Brown, labor,	16 62
S. Allen's Sons, iron,	3 60
Nelson Walden, lumber,	2 88
G. L. Pierce, “	4 99
Earl Shearer, “	13 00
C. A. Marcy, nails,	3 07
A. C. Smith & Son, nails,	3 41
C. S. Cary, labor,	5 00
E. D. Alexander, plank and timber,	17 18
	\$608 84

RAILING.

Henry J. Smith,	\$36 74
Nelson Purrington,	14 60
E. R. Cobb,	18 75
C. Webster Smith,	3 74
A. A. Smith,	11 78
O. B. Kendrick,	9 40
R. S. Fairbanks & Son,	19 15
J. F. McClellan,	5 20
S. W. Wheeler,	6 14

D. W. Nelson,	\$8 96
T. R. Miller,	1 77
Charles W. Smith,	27 26
C. W. Smith,	2 50
E. H. Legate,	5 00
L. L. Brigham,	9 00
	\$179 99

HIGHWAY DAMAGES.

John Lovman,	\$175 00
Henry S. & Lucius Worden,	100 00
	\$275 00

ABATEMENTS

Poll tax abatements,	\$45 24
Charles W. Smith,	3 40
	\$48 64
County tax,	\$973 40
State tax,	760 00
Paid school orders,	3753 06
Paid State aid,	96 00
Paid Military aid,	96 00

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Westfield, on account of S. E. Buck,	\$3 63
H. S. Swan, coffin for Hosington,	10 00
“ “ Antis Wood and Ann Bell,	27 00
“ coffin,	5 00
Essex County report, William Young,	1 43
George Thompson, support Daniel Harwood,	60 00
Roberts & Brown, support Sybil Tisdail,	62 50
“ “ Sarah Chappell,	75 00
“ keeping tramps,	5 00
“ support of Isaac Tisdail,	32 77

H. S. Swan, coffin for Leon Yonton's child,	6 50
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, for support of Jen- nie R. Fish,	43 67
Town of Greenfield, for support of Charles Carroll and family,	116 16
George A. Russell, supplies for George Cook,	19 65
Dr. O. H. Lamb, for medical attendance	
Isaac Tisdail,	28 00
Sybil Tisdail,	3 50
Worden family,	15 00
Hosington family,	6 00
A. C. Walker, medical attendance Chas. McCloud's family, 1883,	37 50
H. S. Swan, coffin for Mrs. Martin,	10 00
" " Isaac Tisdail,	13 00
	\$581 31

INTEREST.

Paid Franklin County Savings Institution,	\$671 45
B. H. Sperry,	76 10
Packard National Bank,	6 74
	\$754 29

DEBTS.

Paid B. H. Sperry,	\$4900 00
Packard National Bank,	500 00
Franklin Savings Institution,	1500 00
	6900 00

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

W. S. Carson, printing tax bills,	\$2 50
George Tyler, repairing road scrapers,	14 70
Paid State for Registrars of Voters,	1 40
Stationery for Assessors,	1 43
O. H. Lamb, collecting births,	4 25

N. F. Shippee,	Registrar of Voters,	\$10 00
George H. Carpenter,	“ “	10 00
D. W. Snow,	“ “	5 00
C. T. Bagnall,	printing town reports,	13 50
C. T. Bagnall,	blanks,	2 25
C. T. Bagnall,	Assessors' blanks,	3 25
Earl Shearer,	express, postage and stationery,	2 50
C. A. Marcy,	express and postage,	2 03
C. A. Marcy,	pipe for town hall,	5 40
Painting	hease,	5 00
A. C. Smith,	express,	4 75
A. C. Smith & Son,	repairing hearse,	5 78
A. C. Smith & Son,	stationery and stamps,	3 80
A. C. Smith,	services as Registrar of Voters,	5 00
“ “	for recording births,	18 50
“ “	“ deaths,	9 10
“ “	“ marriages,	2 70
E. A. Hall,	advertising Assessors' notice,	1 00
		\$133 84

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Selectmen	Earl Shearer,	\$50 00
	C. A. Marcy,	30 00
	C. S. Cary,	20 00
	John A. Dwight, 1883,	4 00
Assessor	J. S. Bell,	57 50
	John A. Dwight,	34 25
	T. D. Purrington,	50 00
School Committee	J. E. Davenport, 1883,	25 00
	O. B. Curtis,	42 00
	D. A. Strong,	21 00
	Milon Merriam,	16 00
	J. Milo Miller,	23 50
Treasurer	A. C. Smith,	50 00
Collector	A. C. Smith,	25 00
	John D. Miller, 1883,	125 00
Constable	Henry A. Smith,	5 00
Hearseman	T. C. Shearer,	6 00

Hearseman Henry A Smith,	\$29 75
Sexton A. B. Nelson,	2 00
Henry J. Smith,	38 00
T. G. Shearer,	12 00
Summary receipts	\$17880 78
Disbursements,	\$17269 45
Cash in treasury Feb. 21, 1885,	611 33
	<u>—————</u> \$17880 78

DEBT OF THE TOWN.

Due Franklin County Savings Institution,	\$14900 00
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RESOURCES OF TOWN.

Balance in treasury Feb. 21, 1885,	\$611 33
Due from State on account of State aid,	144 00
“ “ “ “ paupers,	56 00
“ Collector, tax of 1884,	206 13
“ Shelburne, on account of paupers,	9 50
“ Greenfield, “ “	8 00
“ H. H. Prouty, for hearse,	7 50
	<u>—————</u> \$1042 46
Balance against the town above resources,	\$13857 54

VALUATION OF THE TOWN OF COLRAIN,

MAY 1, 1884.

Personal estate,	\$189,588 00
Real estate,	386,081 00
	<u>—————</u> \$575,669 00

Number of Polls taxed,	417
Total number of horses,	326
“ “ cows,	509
“ “ sheep,	1248
Rate of taxation on \$1,000,	\$17 00

Town appropriations,	\$8700 00
State tax,	760 00
County Tax,	973 40
Overlays,	184 98
	\$10618 38

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EARL C. SHEARER,	} Selectmen of Colrain.
CHARLES A. MARCY,	
CLARK S. CARY,	

Annual Report

OF THE

School Committee,

OF

Coleraine,

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SCHOOL REPORT.

Gentlemen :

The school committee of the town of Coleraine, charged with the care and oversight of the schools, have endeavored to attend to their duties so far as they have been able, and respectfully submit the following report.

Our schools during the year as a rule, have been quite acceptable to the committee, and also, we trust, to the patrons of the same.

There has been very little difficulty in the schools. We have endeavored to secure as good Teachers as possible and feel that we have succeeded as well as we could expect, with the means at hand. That we have employed some of the very best talent in the school room, many readily acknowledge, and your committee are not aware that any who were very objectionable have found a place there. Our best and most experienced teachers we have retained, and have selected from the many, those, who in our judgment were best adapted to the places to be filled.

Some of our winter schools were interrupted by sickness, those at the Foundry village, by the prevalence of scarlet fever in the neighborhood, and the primary department at Griswoldville by the sickness of the teacher, causing a delay of some two or three weeks.

The winter has been unusually favorable for attending school, commencing as we did a month earlier than formerly, and there being so little snow, the fore part of the winter, the walking has been good nearly the whole time.

At the April meeting the town voted that the report of the school committee shall be presented to the town, at the March meeting, at the same time with those of the selectmen and treasurer, rather than at the April meeting, as has been the custom in former years; in order to do this it was necessary that the winter schools should begin earlier that there might be time after their close to enable the committee to report on them. We are of the opinion that there are several reasons in favor of this plan, and heartily acquiesce in the wish of the town.

We found that some of our school houses were very much out of repair and it was necessary to do something to make them comfortable. The largest outlay was on the Bardwell school house,

which has been made one of the most pleasant and comfortable in town. We also found one side of the roof of the school house on Wilson hill very bad, and that it was necessary to shingle the same, which we did. We sheathed the Adamsville school house over-head, and made some other repairs there, which with some plastering, painting black-boards in these and others, comprises the repairs for the year. We have been obliged to have a few new stoves, the old ones being worn out and used up.

The law enacted last winter requiring the towns to furnish books and other school supplies, has necessitated quite an expense. In some of the schools very few books have been required, while in others there seemed to be no limit to the demand, yet all the economy has been used that reasonably could be, in view of the needs of the scholars.

The teachers have been required to see that the property of the town was properly cared for, and the books, etc, used during the winter, are in very fair condition for the summer, and there will, likely, be much less call for new books the next term, so that our present supply with a few additions will be sufficient.

It was necessary to again divide the school at Griswoldville this winter, the pupils all being taught in one room during the summer. We provided the best accommodations we were able, yet we feel that it is not a suitable place, and that to huddle in 25 or 30 little ones where the air soon becomes unwholesome, and their health endangered, during the hours, is doing them great injustice; that it is an offence against the laws of humanity, and equally opposed to economy. Your committee trust, that at no distant day, the town will take measures to remedy the evil.

In conclusion we desire to emphasize, what has been urged upon you so many times, viz: The value and importance of our common school, and to ask for an active and deep interest on the part of all who hope for the best interests of the young, and of coming generations. Will not parents show their appreciation of the value of our schools, and their interest in their children, by seeing to it, that the children are regularly and punctually at school, and that the parents are frequently there to encourage the teachers, and stimulate the children to greater zeal, in the acquisition of knowledge. Your committee have been greatly pleased to see so many of the parents in some of the schools, and can but conclude that, we observe greater advancement and proficiency, in the schools thus favored.

STATISTICS.

	No. Terms.	No. Weeks.	No. Scholars.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.
Adamsville,	2	24	32	24	23 1-2
Bardwell,	2	24	7	6	6
Birch,	2	24	28	20 1-2	18 1-2
Christian Hill,	2	24	31	26 1-2	23 1-2
Churchill,	2	24	14	11 1-2	10
City,	2	24	30	24	23
Elm Grove,	2	24	19	17 1-2	16 1-2
Foundry Inter,	2	24	33	27	24 1-2
Foundry Primary,	2	24	41	33 1-2	26 1-2
Griswoldville,	3	36	65	48	37
Miller,	2	24	13	9	8
Shattckville,	2	24	44	37	33 1-2
South,	2	24	10	8 1-2	8
Spurr,	2	24	15	12 1-2	10 1-2
Wilson Hill,	2	24	12	9 1-2	8 1-2

FINANCES.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,	\$2100 00
State School Fund,	222 69
Dog money,	57 65
	\$2380 34

PAID WOOD BILLS.

Eli Pike,	8 00
C. H. Steele,	8 00
C. F. White,	9 00
J. B. Clark,	28 20
C. Webster Smith,	17 50
Charles Call,	12 50
T. R. Miller,	10 00
John L. Clark,	8 12
F. S. Miller,	1 25
C. L. Donelson,	8 00
H. A. Howard,	26 21
O. B. Curtis,	1 87
	\$138 65

PAID SUNDRIES.

Cleaning School Houses,	22 59
Building Fires,	8 00
Printing school reports,	7 92
Printing labels,	1 50
Transporting scholars,	15 00
C. A. Marcy, old bill,	63 40
C. A. Marcy, new bill,	25 18
O. B. Curtis, com., on schools supplies,	20 00
C. Cressey, old bill,	2 00
	\$165 09

PAID TEACHERS.

Mattie A. Powers,	129 00
Lizzie E. Stratton,	114 00
Hattie E. Vincient,	132 00
Katie M. Scott and M. E. Dewey,	36 00
Eliza J. Spurr,	63 00
Julia E. Hartwell,	60 00
Fannie E. Woodward,	72 00
Abbie M. Hardy,	72 00
Eva Phillips,	144 00
Alice M. Thompson,	120 00
Grace L. Bell,	54 00
Ella P. Donelson,	66 00
Clara F. Davenport,	54 00
Sarah Hall,	102 00
Clara A. Howard,	108 00
M. B. Hall,	66 00
E. L. Shearer,	60 00

W. E. Purrington,	\$60 00	
Jennie Smith,	72 00	
Abbie M. Stewart,	60 00	
Emma A. Donelson,	60 00	
Geo. N. Baker,	72 00	
F. T. Daniels,	72 00	
R. C. Hillman,	60 00	
		1908 00

PAID SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.

BARDWELL SCHOOL HOUSE.

J. Milo Miller, materials,	124 40	
“ “ labor,	28 25	
William Rose, labor,	38 25	
A. R. Denison, labor,	8 40	
B. F. Miller, labor,	9 75	
Elias Bardwell, labor,	11 45	
F. S. Miller, “	1 50	
D. W. Nelson, lumber,	1 00	
		223 00

SEVERAL SCHOOL HOUSES.

E. Bardwell, old bill,	1 50	
S. Starkey,	13 23	
Chester W. Smith,	6 22	
B. K. Morton,	2 44	
O. B. Curtis, lumber bill,	24 82	
“ “	5 32	
F. L. Kendrick,	11 50	
J. B. Clark,	3 65	
C. F. White,	4 00	
Dennis Wilson,	3 00	
R. C. Hillman,	1 00	
		76 68
		\$299 68

SCHOOL SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

O. B. Curtis,	109 30	
“	15 22	
Wm. Ware & Co.,	78 60	
Leach, Shewell & Co.,	34 00	
“	10 40	
Knights, Adams & Co.,	34 82	
“	10 65	
“	9 45	
A. C. Stockin,	12 60	
D. A. Strong,	63	
		315 67

SUPPLIED SCHOOLS.

Christian Hill,	\$19 80
South,	5 78
Wilson Hill,	7 55
Millers,	2 47
Churchill,	8 17
Spurr,	9 34
Birch,	14 21
Elm Grove,	5 90
City,	21 90
Griswoldville,	11 80
Shattuckville,	7 24
Foundery,	51 46
Adamsville,	36 04
Bardwell,	4 24
Four Corners,	7 47
Supplies on hand,	213 37
	102 30
	\$315 67

RECAPITULATION.

Paid wood bills,	138 65
Sundry bills,	165 09
Teachers,	1908 00
Repairs,	299 68
School books and other supplies,	315 67
	\$2827 09

MISCELLANEOUS.

Number of schools in town,	15
Number of persons between 5 and 15,	350
Number of persons between 8 and 14,	240
Whole number attending school,	390
Average membership,	325
Average attendance,	277
Number over 15 years,	35
Number under 5 years,	11
Whole number months school,	93
Number of male teachers,	3
Number of Female teachers,	22
Average wages of male teachers per month,	\$22 67
Average wages of female teachers,	20 28

O. B. CURTIS,	} School	
J. MILO MILLER,		} Committee of
M. MERRIAM,		

Feb. 20, 1885.

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The Selectmen of the town of Coleraine, have this 16th day of February, settled with the Treasurer of the town, and find his accounts with the same to be as follows ;

A. C. SMITH, TREASURER, DR.

To cash on hand Feb. 20, 1885,	\$611 33
“ from uncollected Taxes of 1884,	206 13
“ “ License, Adran Tartar,	6 00
“ “ H. H. Prouty, on acc't of hearse house,	8 00
To cash from State Paupers,	50 00
“ “ Railing Poles sold,	50
“ “ License, S. C. Lincoln, peddlar,	6 00
“ “ Corporation Tax,	228 20
“ “ National Bank Tax,	155 55
“ “ State Aid, Chapter 301,	96 00
“ “ “ “ 252,	48 00
“ “ School Fund,	219 94
“ “ Dog money returned,	72 00
“ “ Tax of 1885,	10,291 68
	—————\$11,999 33

CR.

Paid Selectmen's order,	\$7,635 04
School Committee's orders,	2,496 24
State and Military Aid,	304 50
Cash in Treasury,	1,563 55
	—————\$11,999 33

LABOR ON HIGHWAYS.

John E. Davenport,	\$6 22
Wayne Hillman,	11 25
S. E. Avery,	3 00
C. W. McGee,	1 50
C. R. Snow,	6 04
F. L. Brown,	2 88
R. C. Porter,	2 25
H. A. Howard,	7 70
J. Coombs,	4 50
R. Shack,	2 75
J. B. Cromack,	2 30
W. H. Donelson,	3 00

Nelson Joy,	3 25
Charles Shearer & Son,	3 15
A. Nichols,	3 75
J. W. Burrington,	6 00
H. W. Thompson,	11 60
John Call,	1 50
L. Purrington,	3 00
E. & R. Coombs,	14 25
John L. Clark,	5 60
C. H. Steele,	9 70
M. M. Johnson,	7 91
J. A. Dwight,	13 70
James Galvin,	2 40
Franklin & Dickinson,	10 50
G. W. Miller,	21 15
Henry A. Scott,	7 90
W. J. Purrington,	18 75
F. D. Conant,	13 60
B. F. Miller,	13 50
Roberts & Brown,	13 52
E. D. Alexander,	8 50
Griswold Manufacturing Company,	21 76
Elias Bardwell,	15 79
A. M. V. Hager,	2 25
D. W. Nelson,	7 50
F. L. Shearer,	15 20
Frank Dunwell,	6 00
J. S. Bell,	4 05
J. B. Clark,	10 00
F. L. Bates,	2 25
A. Hinsdale,	6 75
T. D. Purrington,	13 35
Daniel Carey,	3 00
H. J. Smith,	19 50
W. E. Southworth,	6 00
R. J. Donelson,	3 00
Charles W. Smith,	9 45
George Matterson,	6 92
Harry Bell,	8 32
J. A. Lombard,	1 50

A. L. Burrington,	3 25
J. P. Bell,	1 50
Earl Shearer,	19 50
C. W. Smith,	3 15
A. A. Smith,	21 60
Charles F. White,	4 80
Thomas Smead,	7 12
E. F. Copland,	9 46
Charles Hastings,	50
Harry Bell,	2 00
E. P. Booth, 1883,	13 75
“ 1884,	3 00
E. O. Preston,	4 00
Joshua Purrington,	5 00
Frank L. Bradley,	1 50
C. W. Shattuck & Son,	21 50
George A. White,	6 00
Thomas Smead,	2 04
C. W. Shattuck,	53 02
C. L. Roberts,	6 75
Roberts & Brown,	45 00
George H. Phillips,	12 00
George Howe,	5 55
E. J. Davenport,	8 87
L. F. Upton,	11 25
O. H. Taylor,	15 25
Henry P. Carr,	90
G. R. Jeffards,	5 25
F. L. Davenport,	23 24
F. L. Purrington,	2 00
John E. Davenport,	1 80
E. J. Burrington,	18 00
Irving Miner,	3 47
N. S. Harris,	3 30
C. W. Maxain,	3 60
C. S. Cary,	14 70
E. R. Cobb,	26 10
F. M. Thompson,	9 00
Elisha Pike,	6 68

L. H. Rogers,	3 50
C. F. White,	8 40
G. D. Stetson,	7 50
O. B. Kendrick,	7 32
C. F. Shattuck,	32 44
Abel Dutton,	23 97
H. M. Peterson,	8 25
A. Tatrault,	3 75
A. B. Nelson,	5 25
A. A. Morley,	1 50
H. F. Purrington,	10 05
H. S. Browning,	8 05
L. A. Brigham,	2 25
Noyes & Miller;	7 25
J. C. Thompson,	8 48
Charles Fairbanks,	10 97
F. S. Fairbanks,	1 50
H. C. & C. H. Cromack,	9 00
C. L. Donelson,	7 05
John Sturtevant,	5 25
C. Kehl,	2 25
O. Call,	1 88
C. A. Shearer,	3 00
D. H. Brown,	2 25
C. Simonds,	5 25
D. Wilson,	3 60
W. L. Cook,	7 50
J. E. Davenport,	8 05
G. R. Purrington,	2 25
Geo. L. Pierce,	4 05
William Sesler,	11 85
T. R. Miller,	1 57
Frank Thompson, 1884,	4 86
“ “ 1885,	15 35
J. M. Miller,	9 75
E. P. Booth,	3 75
Fred Kendrick,	3 75
William Bardwell,	10 37
J. J. Dwight,	13 50

J. T. Miller,	2 25
D. D. Hillman,	3 00
Charles Mitchell,	2 25
Joel Cone,	16 55
J. B. Clark,	85 16
D. Wilson,	6 30
J. H. Robertson,	9 50
E. B. Stewart,	14 85
Roberts & Brown,	15 00
T. D. Purrington,	9 00
M. Barber,	2 50
O. M. Gaines,	75
Harris & Miner,	13 65
C. L. & F. L. Merrifield,	13 80
Erastus Green,	5 00
J. W. Carpenter,	19 25
John Churchill,	2 25
Amos Stewart, Green river road,	14 50
Amos Stewart,	9 40
Charles Hillman,	3 00
C. W. Van Vaulkenburg,	9 00
L. W. Babbitt,	15 00
William Stewart,	10 25
E. C. Harris,	1 00
R. W. Stacy,	9 30
A. B. Nelson,	1 20
J. Hafner,	2 75
G. A. White,	22 50
C. Lapier,	3 12
C. E. Davenport,	6 50
C. D. Miner,	4 50
George Taintor,	15 38
A. P. Nelson,	10 95
N. S. Harris,	15 90
S. U. Wilson,	1 50
R. E. Martin,	2 25
William Martin,	8 00
H. Kemp & Son,	13 00
C. B. Dennison,	17 90

Milo A. Thompson,	11 00
J. G. Gilchrist,	8 25
L. Spurr,	3 50
Orson Call.	1 50

BRIDGES.

 \$1,546 72

J. A. Lombard, plank,	\$ 2 51
Oscar Hubbard, plank,	39 90
E. R. Cram, labor,	53
W. H. Donelson, labor,	9 50
C. N. Carpenter, labor,	11 00
B. H. Newell & Co., iron,	2 28
E. B. Smith, abutment for Pierce bridge,	85 00
Henry Miller, shingling Willis bridge,	18 87
E. R. Cobb, plank and timber,	47 99
A. W. Stone, plank,	29 25
F. L. Purrington, plank and timber,	7 78
A. W. Stone, plank,	7 93
E. R. Cobb, lumber,	13 60
C. F. White, timber,	12 73
O. B. Kendrick, plank,	1 80
C. F. Shattuck, shingling bridge below Shattuckville,	19 75
“ “ drawing shingles,	2 00
J. J. Dwight, lumber,	3 00
Charles Mitchell, drawing shingles,	5 00
J. B. Clark, plank and timber,	15 83
E. B. Stewart, timber,	1 95
Wm. W. Cary, lumber,	6 94
C. E. Davenport, plank,	2 75
A. E. Day, plank,	16 20
L. Spurr, labor,	5 50
Noyes & Miller, labor,	3 25
T. S. Lincoln, labor,	8 25
Charles Fairbanks, labor,	16 00
J. A. Richmond, shingles,	128 66
D. W. Snow, labor,	1 25
W. H. Donelson, labor,	1 50
C. H. Steele, plank,	7 55
J. A. Dwight, plank,	1 50

E. B. Smith, lumber,	16 56
Roberts & Brown, labor,	16 10
E. D. Alexander, plank,	15 20
Griswold Manufacturing Company, plank,	10 00
D. W. Nelson, lumber,	2 85
H. J. Smith, lumber,	4 33
Charles W. Smith, lumber,	6 00
H. L. Gleason, iron work,	13 75
Earl Shearer, labor,	12 75
.. .. plank and timber,	2 90
C. S. Cary, labor,	5 00
C. F. White, lumber,	2 25
E. F. Copeland, lumber,	18 00
.. .. plank,	6 64
Geo. L. Pierce, timber,	2 25
M. M. Johnson, timber,	2 50
Erastus Booth, labor,	12 00
A. C. Smith & Son, lumber,	2 40
.. .. nails,	11 68
	\$700 71

RAILING.

New England Telephone Co., for poles,	\$12 00
C. W. Shattuck,	10 00
John Looman,	1 25
E. R. Cobb,	4 82
E. J. Burrington,	1 94
C. E. Davenport,	5 25
E. B. Smith,	2 14
Griswold Manufacturing Company, 1884,	13 40
.. ..	12 00
Charles W. Smith,	4 93
C. S. Cary,	1 50
	\$69 23

Assessors' Abatements,	\$173 58
County Tax,	\$1,010 79
State Tax,	570 00

School Orders.	2,496 24
State Aid.	304 50

SUPPORT OF POOR.

H. S. Swan, coffin for Mrs. Peter La Rock,	\$12 00
George Thompson, for support of Daniel Harwood,	58 00
Northampton Asylum, for support of Jennie R. Fisk,	190 72
Williamstown, for support of Samuel Jilson,	6 43
Roberts & Brown, for support of Sybil Tisdail, }	75 00
“ “ “ “ Sarah Chappell, }	
Anon Bass, for support of Isaac Tisdail,	4 00
Paid on acc't of C. L. McCloud.	14 00
Paid Charles Ware,	85 08
Louisa Yaw, for support of Orrin Vincent,	25 00
O. M. Gaines, keeping tramps,	3 25
Northampton Asylum, for support of Rachael Jeffards,	8 36
Roberts & Brown, for support of Sarah Chappell,	37 50
O. H. Lamb, medical attendance, Sarah Watson,	53 00
“ “ “ “ Samuel Hayden,	4 25
“ “ “ “ A. L. Clark,	21 00
“ “ “ “ Sarah Chappell,	4 00
“ “ “ “ Sybil Tisdail,	7 00
Griswold Manufacturing Company, supplies furnished	
Hosington family,	10 83
Griswold Manufacturing Company, supplies furnished	
Worden family,	16 36
Roberts & Brown, for support of Sarah Watson,	6 00
Earl Shearer, cash on acc't of paupers,	6 25
A. C. Smith & Son, goods for Benjamin Crosier,	6 05
	\$654 13

INTEREST.

Paid Franklin Savings Institution,	\$676 13
Temporary Loans,	14 67

PAID ON TOWN DEBTS.

Franklin Savings Institution,	\$1,500 00
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INCIDENTALS.

Paid cost in Looman case,	\$2 50
T. C. Bagnall, printing order blanks.	2 60

E. R. Cram, painting road machine,	2 75
Field & Hall, printing,	4 00
W. S. Carson, printing town reports,	14 25
Pauper register,	3 50
Index book,	2 00
Printing, dog license,	85
Repairs for road machine,	26 00
Advertising for Assessors,	1 55
O. H. Lamb, collecting births,	6 25
J. S. Bell, repairing wagon,	2 25
E. A. Hall, printing,	1 00
Earl Shearer, perambulating town lines,	4 00
C. A. Marcy, " " "	6 00
C. S. Cary, " " "	4 00
Freight on repairs for road machine,	1 60
Paid for surveying,	3 25
Express, postage and stationery,	5 10
A. C. Smith, express and stationery,	3 85
Glass for hearse,	58
A. C. Smith, carrying votes to Bernardston,	2 50
" " powder and fuse,	1 25
Tax book,	2 50
Tax bills,	1 65
A. C. Smith, recording births,	18 00
" " " deaths,	3 80
" " " marriages,	1 50
H. A. Smith, obtaining deaths,	4 75
	\$133 83

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

SELECTMEN.

C. A. Marcy,	\$50 00
C. S. Cary,	25 00
Earl Shearer,	50 00

ASSESSORS.

Henry A. Howard,	50 00
J. A. Dwight,	50 00
T. D. Purrington,	55 00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A. A. Smith,	61 25
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O. B. Curtis,	25 00
.. .. book supply agent,	26 00
J. Milo Miller,	30 00

TRAESURER.

A. C. Smith,	50 00
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COLLECTOR.

A. C. Smith.	25 00
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CONSTABLE.

H. A. Smith.	5 00
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HEARSEMAN.

H. A. Smith,	35 00
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SEXTONS.

A. B. Wilson.	8 00
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T. C. Shearer,	16 00
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H. J. Smith,	24 00
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\$585 25

SUMMARY.

Receipts.	\$11,999 33
	—————\$11,999 33
Disbursements.	\$10,435 78
Cash in Treasury, February 16, 1886,	1,563 55
	—————\$11,999 33
Debt of Town,	\$13,400 00

RESOURCES OF TOWN.

Balance in Treasury, Feb. 16, 1886,	\$1,563 55
Due from State on acc't of State and Military Aid,	228 50
Due from State on acc't of State Paupers,	59 00
.. Collector, tax of 1885,	213 66
.. Shelburne on acc't of Paupers,	13 75
.. Greenfield " " "	8 00
	—————\$1,896 46
Balance against Town above Resources,	\$11,503 54

VALUATION OF THE TOWN OF COLERAINE.

MAY 1, 1885.

Personal estate.	\$185,785 00
Real estate.	<u>381,575 00</u>
	\$567,360 00
Number of Polls taxed.	396
Total number of horses.	352
.. .. cows.	530
.. .. sheep.	<u>1400</u>
Rate of taxation on \$1,000,	17 00
Town appropriations,	\$8,700 00
State tax,	570 00
County tax,	1,010 79
Overlay,	<u>224 55</u>
	\$10,505 34

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. MARCY.	) Selectmen of Coleraine.
CLARK S. CARY.	
EARL SHEARER.	

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—: FOR THE :—

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REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS:—We are once more before you with our annual report, and we find some of our appropriations insufficient to meet the demands.

Your board asked, one year ago, for twenty-five hundred dollars for roads and bridges, but you only appropriated twenty-three hundred, which falls short one hundred and forty-six dollars and seventy cents, (\$146 70,) as we had five new bridges to build the past year.

We should recommend an appropriation of twenty-five hundred dollars, (\$2,500.) for roads and bridges the coming year, as there will necessarily be a bridge to build at Lyonsville. We have put up considerable new railing the past year, in places most exposed to accident. During the past year we have been to considerable expense for paupers outside of our town, as you will see by our report. We have supported two at Northampton Hospital; we partly supported two families in Greenfield, thinking it cheaper than to remove them to this town.

There were three lawsuits pending one year ago, which have been satisfactorily settled by judgment in favor of the town in the first one, and by the payment of the defendants' cost of fifty-seven dollars and seventy-six cents, (\$57 76,) which settled the other two.

It has been suggested to us that we ought to reduce our debt faster than we have in the past, and we would recommend that the town appropriate, to pay on its indebtedness, three thousand dollars, (\$3,000.)

The Selectmen of the town of Coleraine have this, 22d day of February, 1887, settled with the treasurer of the town, and find his accounts with the same to be as follows:

A. C. SMITH, TREASURER.

DR.

To cash on hand Feb. 22, 1886,	\$1,563 55
Uncollected taxes of 1885,	213 66
To cash received from town of Heath, on	
account of B. Crozier,	14 87
" " " S. C. Lincoln, license,	6 00
" " " on account of State paupers,	28 57
" " " " Shelburne "	9 50
" " " for old plank,	50
" " " " oxen,	170 00
" " " " tile,	9 95
" " from Corporation tax,	275 71
" " " National bank tax,	136 48
" " " State aid, chapter 252,	76 00
" " " " " 301,	142 00
" " " " school fund,	222 83
" " " Sarah Chapell,	1 00
" " " Sarah Watson,	25 00
" " " Samuel Starkey for old timber,	5 00
" " " tax of 1886,	10,427 57
Total,	\$13,328 19

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Paid Selectmen's orders,	\$8,113 90
" School committees' orders,	3,009 61
" State aid,	306 00
" Assessors' abatements,	113 32
" Uncollected taxes,	494 13
Cash in treasury,	1,291 23
Total,	\$13,328 19

LABOR ON HIGHWAYS.

Harry Bell,	\$2 00
Charles W. Smith,	9 45

Ezra Smead,	5 00
M. O. Nichols,	2 93
John Churchill,	60
Luke White,	60
J. C. Brown,	3 75
N. M. Walden,	3 00
A. B. Nelson,	7 50
George Prouty,	2 40
B. H. Newell & Co., drain tile,	105 22
F. L. Bradley,	1 50
O. H. Taylor,	10 80
H. P. Carr,	4 35
Frank Dunnell,	10 50
L. C. Brigham,	6 00
H. M. Underwood,	1 50
L. H. Rogers,	4 50
R. Cobb,	12 00
E. R. Cobb,	21 00
S. B. Johnson,	5 00
Harris & Miner,	7 40
Fred Kendrick,	3 75
Matthew Barber,	5 37
Charles Roberts,	7 50
H. C. & C. H. Cromack,	33 15
E. B. Stewart,	21 80
C. W. Maxim,	3 60
J. Milo Miller,	13 20
E. J. Burrington,	32 42
Charles Townsley,	5 25
W. E. Burrington,	6 75
H. M. Peterson,	10 50
C. P. Thayer,	3 45
G. S. Cary,	10 35
G. A. White,	31 50
Joel Cone,	15 75
John Churchill,	1 50

Fremont Purrington,	54 35
R. W. Stacy,	7 35
E. Pike & Son,	4 50
J. E. Brown,	4 50
G. H. Phillips,	9 90
C. F. Shattuck,	43 99
William Southworth & Son,	10 35
C. F. White,	6 00
William Stewart, Green River,	11 00
“ “ “	11 50
J. J. Dwight,	9 00
H. L. Pickett,	3 00
William Bardwell,	7 50
J. T. Miller,	3 00
G. M. Taintor,	12 00
F. L. Brown,	2 75
W. L. Cook,	1 50
C. D. Miner,	2 25
C. M. Fairbanks,	4 88
R. C. Porter,	7 27
T. R. Miller,	6 45
D. L. Smith,	5 00
M. T. Harris,	7 20
A. Tatraute,	3 75
C. Simonds,	11 62
E. W. & R. M. Coombs,	9 30
A. P. Nelson,	11 00
“ “ Green River,	12 15
S. N. Wilson,	4 50
Aaron Franklin,	6 00
Wm. Purrington,	34 50
Johnathan E. Davenport,	5 25
N. F. Shippee,	12 15
John L. Clark,	2 75
C. B. Dennison,	12 00
“ “ Green River,	19 50
H. F. Purrington,	23 00

C. H. Steele,	7 50
S. C. Avery,	2 90
A. Nichols,	3 45
S. W. Wheeler, 1885,	19 05
Frank Hall,	2 85
Roberts & Allard,	2 85
Heman York,	13 50
Milo A. Thompson,	8 25
N. S. Harris,	8 00
J. A. Dwight,	7 50
Charles Hillman,	3 00
Corval Vincent,	4 35
Wayne Hillman,	12 95
S. F. Upton,	6 00
James Carpenter,	29 55
M. O. Nichols,	7 08
John E. Davenport,	10 05
Erastus Green,	2 50
C. E. Davenport,	12 60
Horace Kemp,	12 00
Lorenzo Spurr,	25 37
Noyes & Miller,	9 45
D. M. Pierce,	7 00
Amos Stewart, Green River,	8 00
“ “ “ “	13 50
E. J. Davenport,	9 35
George D. Stetson,	13 00
John Robertson,	5 40
D. H. Brown,	1 25
Geo. R. Purrington,	9 75
Wm. Sessler,	4 50
O. B. Kendrick,	2 25
Daniel Carey,	1 50
Johnathan Coombs,	14 75
J. C. VanVaulkenburg,	6 75
H. A. Scott,	25 90
Charles W. Smith,	1 50

H. S. Browning, Green River,	13 30
“ “ “ “ . .	14 25
R. E. Martin, ...	3 00
Wm. Martin, ...	3 75
Roberts & Brown, ...	46 25
S. M. Long, ...	1 75
A. M. V. Hager, ...	4 50
M. M. Johnson, ...	14 34
E. G. Carrier, ...	11 00
John Call, ...	2 75
Oscar Call, ...	2 10
L. W. Babbitt, ...	13 05
Nelson Joy, ...	2 25
Charles Call, ...	2 25
F. D. Conant, ...	23 18
G. W. Miller, ...	4 25
W. H. Donelson, ...	3 50
G. H. Stewart, ...	3 90
D. W. Nelson, ...	3 90
Karl Kehl, ...	3 00
Wm. Dickinson, ...	1 00
T. D. Purrington, ...	6 00
Frank Thompson, ...	7 70
O. E. Miller, ...	4 05
H. W. Thompson, ...	9 00
C. L. Donelson, ...	6 60
C. Webster Smith, ...	2 25
Merrifield Bro., ...	15 45
A. A. Smith, ...	17 50
J. B. Clark, ...	35 70
H. A. Howard, ...	7 93
Elias Bardwell, ...	7 50
A. W. Hinsdale, ...	4 20
C. R. Snow, ...	8 63
G. A. Thompson, ...	2 40
S. F. Warren, ...	75
David Wilson, ...	2 25

Charles Mitchell,	3 50
L. A. Brigham,	1 65
Harry Bell,	8 35
H. O. Scott,	5 70
A. B. Nelson,	5 00
Earl Shearer,	20 25
E. P. Booth,	5 00
G. L. Pierce,	2 50
T. M. Thompson,	5 15
Henry J. Smith,	23 93
J. D. Gilchrist,	5 00
Luther Purrington,	3 50

\$1,598 90

BRIDGES.

Ezra Smead, timber 1878,	\$8 00
Samuel Starkey, building bridge at Adamsville,	60 05
L. H. Rogers, drawing lumber,	1 00
A. W. Stone, bridge plank,	45 00
E. R. Cobb, S. G. Davenport, bridge,	75 00
E. R. Cobb, Taylor Burk, " "	65 00
A. W. Stone, bridge plank,	32 44
Lombard and Kendrick, lumber and sawing,	18 15
Fred Kendrick, lumber,	8 49
L. W. Stratton, iron work,	8 25
S. H. Roberts, bridge irons,	6 30
E. R. Cobb, timber,	15 14
" " labor,	14 65
Harris & Miner, lumber,	2 00
" " labor,	12 15
E. B. Stewart, plank and timber,	7 68
J. Milo Miller, timber,	2 50
C. S. Cary, labor,	14 50
Joel Cone, plank,	50
B. H. Newell & Co., iron for bridges,	7 88

E. S. Alexander, plank,	13 24
Wm. Southworth & Son, timber,	1 00
C. F. White, labor,	12 00
" timber,	7 88
" plank,	1 74
George H. Carpenter, putting in drain,	4 50
Wm. Bardwell, timber,	1 00
G. M. Taintor, labor,	2 33
Roberts & Allard,	8 70
Milo A. Thompson,	4 50
J. A. Dwight, timber and labor,	10 45
" labor,	10 00
C. E. Davenport, labor,	5 42
Amos Stewart, plank and timber,	16 29
R. A. Bullock, labor,	2 50
E. B. Smith, " "	16 30
R. C. Porter, " "	2 00
T. R. Miller, plank,	1 50
S. C. Avery, lumber, Foundry bridge,	10 08
" " Morrison, "	68 05
H. A. Scott,	7 50
Charles W. Smith,	1 00
Roberts & Brown,	6 00
F. D. Conant, timber	3 00
D. W. Nelson, plank,	2 97
J. B. Clark,	7 96
C. R. Snow,	1 00
Charles Mitchell,	2 24
Earl Shearer, plank and timber,	4 75
Nelson Purrington, lumber for Adamsville bridge,	26 59
Geo. L. Pierce, timber and labor,	10 00
F. M. Thompson,	9 00
Henry J. Smith, labor,	13 90
" new bridge at Griswoldville,	41 32
Lorenzo Spurr,	2 24

J. C. Thompson, lumber, ... 50

\$744 18

RAILING.

Frank Dunnell, ...	\$31 35
H. M. Underwood, ...	19 14
A. A. Smith, ...	9 31
E. R. Cobb, ...	2 55
H. C. & C. H. Cromack, ...	75
E. B. Stewart, ...	1 00
G. A. White, ...	7 59
Fremont Purrington, ...	5 22
C. F. White, ...	2 00
Charles W. Hillman, ...	6 34
C. E. Davenport, ...	6 35
O. B. Kendrick, ...	4 30
T. R. Miller, ...	1 00
Johnathan E. Davenport, ...	4 62
H. A. Scott, ...	4 75
A. B. Nelson, ...	7 33

\$113 60

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Mrs. L. P. Yaw, support of Orrin Vincent,	\$16 00
Paid Greenfield for " James Wallace,	26 25
" Geo Thompson " Daniel Harwood,	37 00
" Roberts & Brown, " Sarah Chappell,	37 50
" " " Sarah Watson,	24 00
" " " Sybil Tisdale,	3 00
H. L. Barnard, house rent Chas. McCloud,	14 00
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, support of Robert Jeffards, ...	41 79

Northampton Lunatic Hospital, support of		
Jennie B. Fish,	.	43 29
Anan Bass, support Sybil Tisdale,	.	75 00
L. H. Rogers, supplies furnished B. Crosier,		7 42
Roberts & Brown, support Sarah Watson,		10 00
C. W. Shattuck, supplies for Frank Davis,		9 48
Northampton Lunatic Hosp., Rachel Jeffards,		42 25
" " Jennie R. Fish,		13 00
John Forbes, house rent for Charles McCloud,		12 00
Anan Bass, support Sybil Tisdale,	.	37 50
Roberts & Brown, support Sarah Chappell,		42 50
Northampton Lunatic Hosp., Rachel Jeffards,		42 72
L. P. Yaw, support Orrin Vincent,	.	26 00
H. S. Swan, coffin for Mrs. Peter Vioran,		15 00
" " Davis child,		12 00
" " Sarah Watson,		12 00
" " Sarah Chappell,		14 00
Dr. Severance, medical attendance, Charles		
McCloud, 1885,	.	10 00
Geo. Thompson, support Daniel Harwood,		40 00
Danvers Lunatic Hosp., support Thos. Little,		14 20
H. F. Purrington, supplies, Frank Davis,		5 45
Mrs. L. P. Yaw, support Orrin Vincent,		16 00
Northampton Lunatic Hosp., Rachel Jeffards,		42 72
Fremont Purrington, supplies, Frank Davis,		6 45
Roberts & Brown, keeping tramps,	.	2 00
Charles McCloud, provisions,	.	6 25
Paid on acc't Jennie R. Fish,	.	2 50
Dr. Severance, medical attendance Wallace		
family, 1885,	.	25 00
Dr. O. H. Lamb, medical attendance,	.	45 00
A. C. Smith, supplies for B. Crosier,	.	2 10
" " Frank Davis,		5 72

 \$837 09

ABATEMENTS.

M. M. Johnson, 1885,	\$1 70	
Chas. R. Snow, “	1 76	
E. W. Smith, “	1 53	
S. B. Johnson, “	1 70	
Poll tax abatements,	56 00	
Dennis Daniels' estate, “	3 83	
“ “ 1886,	3 94	
Susan Lester,	4 20	
H. F. Shippee,	1 75	
N. F. Purrington,	2 36	
M. M. Johnson,	1 75	
D. W. Nelson,	12 25	
F. D. Conant,	87	
H. B. Miller's estate,	10 50	
Keziah Reed,	8 75	\$113 32

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Geo. H. Carpenter, registrar voters, 1885,	\$6 00
W. B. Walden, printing town reports,	10 40
“ “ school reports,	6 40
“ “ town warrants,	4 00
“ “ pauper notices,	2 00
Ruel Cobb, paid for oxen,	175 00
Field & Hall, tax schedules,	3 00
George Tyler, repairs for road machine,	14 00
L. H. Rogers, for keeping oxen,	7 00
C. T. Bagnall, printing tax receipts,	95
George Busha, repairing road machine,	2 25
S. H. Roberts, “ “ “ “	1 90
Hopkins & Bacon, counsel,	250 00
Geo. H. Carpenter, registrar,	5 00
Charles W. Smith, snowing bridge,	2 67
D. W. Snow, services as registrar,	3 00
Elias Bardwell, “ “	3 00

Paid counsel,	\$2 00
Printing,	1 00
Express,	1 40
Stationery,	2 78
Paid cost in Conant case,	57 76
Dr. Lamb, collecting births,	3 75
H. A. Smith, constable,	5 00
A. C. Smith, stamps and stationery,	5 00
“ “ express,	3 40
“ “ recording deed of school-lot,	65
“ “ nails,	3 33
“ “ carrying votes to Charlemont,	3 00
“ “ recording deaths,	7 00
“ “ “ births,	10 50
“ “ “ marriages,	1 65

\$594 79

PAID INTEREST.

Franklin Savings Institution,	\$611 63
Packard National Bank,	1 10
Paid town debt,	1,500 00
“ County tax,	967 74
“ State “	495 00
“ school orders,	3,009 61
“ State aid,	306 00

HIGHWAY DAMAGE.

Paid Ruel Cobb,	50 00
“ Samuel Starkey,	20 00
“ S. H. Roberts, repairing Cobb's cart,	13 00
“ Elbridge Miner,	5 00
“ G. W. Miller,	10 00

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Selectmen, Earl Shearer,	\$50 00
“ C. A. Marcy,	50 00
“ C. S. Cary,	25 00
Assessors, H. A. Howard,	55 12
“ J. A. Dwight,	43 75
“ T. D. Purrington,	33 75
School Committee, A. A. Smith,	62 50
“ O. B. Curtis,	33 75
“ J. Milo Miller,	30 00
Treasurer, A. C. Smith,	50 00
Collector, “	40 00
Constable, H. A. Smith,	5 00
Hearseman, “	38 00
Sextons, A. B. Nelson,	8 00
“ O. H. Taylor,	4 00
“ T. C. Shearer,	12 00
“ Henry J. Smith,,	16 00

RECAPITULATION.

Paid for highways,	\$1,598 90
“ bridges,	744 18
“ support of Poor,	837 09
“ town officers,	473 87
“ incidentals,	594 79
“ interest,	612 73
“ on town debt,	1,500 00
“ sextons,	40 00
“ hearseman,	38 00
“ county tax,	967 74
“ state tax,	495 00
“ highway damage,	98 00
“ railing,	113 60
	\$8,113 90

SUMMARY.

Receipts,	\$13,328 19	
Disbursement,	12,036 96	
Cash in treasury, Feb. 22, 1887,	1,291 23	
Debt of town,		11,900 00

RESOURCES.

Balance in treasury Feb. 22, 1887,	\$1,291 23	
Due from state on acc't of state and		
military aid,	278 00	
state on acc't of paupers,	77 10	
collector of tax of 1886,	494 13	
Greenfield on acc't of paupers,	8 00	2,148 46
Balance against town above resources,		\$9,751 54

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES A. MARCY.	} Selectmen of Coleraine.
CLARK S. CARY.	
EARL SHEARER.	

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Town of Coleraine.

1886-7.

FELLOW CITIZENS:—In accordance with law and custom, your committee respectfully present this as their report for the school year just closed. It is therefore proper and right that you, as tax payers and patrons of the several schools should, at this time if at no other, know how your money has been expended and what advancement if any has been made in the public schools of your town.

Your committee one year ago, asked at your hands an increased appropriation and received one hundred dollars.

We have adopted a new plan of school terms making the terms of school three, of ten weeks each. We thought then and still think it a wise plan, and believe that greater advancement has been made during the year by the pupils, from having shorter terms and shorter vacations. We have retained the same teachers during the entire year in the same school when deemed advisable, saving much valuable time in making acquaintance by teachers and pupils.

What shall we say of the co-operation given us from those who, by law, are required to exhibit an interest in the public schools, as well as the patrons of the schools and tax payers of the town. How many of you have visited the schools where your children have, for ten long weeks at a time, been under an influence either for good or evil? Who is there among you tax payers that have satisfied yourselves that the money appropriated for the education of your own, as well as your neighbors' children, has been judiciously expended? This, it seems to us, is far more important than to know how cheaply a bridge was built, or how little was expended on a certain piece of road.

"Knowledge is power," and the road to it should be such that all who will can travel in it.

Fellow Citizens and Tax Payers, do you ever stop and consider what we are doing for other towns in educating our children? Pardon us if we tell you : The inhabitants of this town send, at the least calculation, twenty scholars three terms in a year to schools located in adjoining towns, at an expense of nearly three thousand dollars, or more than all the money you appropriate for the public schools in town; and this expense is in addition to what these inhabitants pay to support the public school.

Is it not time for us to call a halt and bestir ourselves in this matter? Is there any reason why this town should not maintain a "High School," where a thorough course of study could be pursued, when the smaller towns all around us are enjoying such a blessing? Some one answers: "O, those schools are maintained by an endowment." We answer: "Not entirely; and we shall never be the recipient of any gift unless we exhibit some interest in the matter, or show ourselves worthy to receive it.

It is our opinion that there is nothing the town could do that could be of so much benefit to all as to maintain a first class high school. Let us contribute more for the education of our children and you may rest assured that in the future you will have less to pay for the support of the poor.

The schools have for the past year, with few exceptions, continued their course without being interrupted by sickness of teachers or pupils, or a worse affliction, viz : "Dissatisfaction of patrons."

We feel to congratulate the people of the town upon the statistical and financial report of the schools, which is hereto annexed. You have had nearly eight months of school, and had it not been for needed repairs which have been delayed too long we should not have exceeded the appropriation.

Of the one hundred dollars voted by the town for the repairs of the Griswoldville school house, we have expended as the town's proportion for slating and painting, sixty-eight and 24-100 dollars, believing it unnecessary at present to

enlarge the capacity of the school room. The school house on Wilson Hill was in such a condition that your committee deemed it best to make some needed repairs, shingling it and completely renovating it inside, at an expense of about one hundred and sixty-five dollars.

These expenses, with the small amounts expended on the thirteen other school buildings in town, make the aggregate expended for repairs of school houses for the past year, \$322 20, as against \$11 40 the year previous. All the school houses in town are now in good condition, and but few repairs are anticipated for the coming year.

In conclusion we wish to call the attention of every parent and guardian who reside in the town to their duties and obligations to their children and wards, as stated in the laws of this commonwealth. See to it that your children attend the schools provided for them, encourage them in their labors at school by frequent visits, and cheer them onward until they have acquired an education that is *so free* and yet *so dear* to all.

STATISTICS.

SCHOOLS.	No. of Terms.	No. of Weeks.	No. of Scholars.	Av. Membership.	Av. Attendance.
Adamsville,	3	30	24	20	18
Bardwell & Brick,	3	42	26	21	20
Christian Hill,	2	30	29	19	16
Churchill,	3	30	13	11	10
City,	3	30	33	26	24
Elm Grove,	3	30	15	13	12
Foundry Inter.,	3	30	31	27	25
Foundry Prim.,	3	30	41	33	28
Griswoldville,	3	30	49	43	37
Miller,	3	30	16	10	10
Shattuckville,	3	30	25	20	18
South,	3	30	16	10	10
Spurr,	3	30	15	11	10
Wilson Hill,	3	30	17	13	12

FINANCES.

Appropriation of town	\$2400 00
" for repairs of Griswoldville	
school house,	100 00
State school fund,	222 83
Dog fund,	77 76
Tuition,	2 00
	\$2,802 59
Paid wood bills,	\$127 30

SUNDRIES.

Cleaning school houses,	\$14 00
Building fires,	7 50
Book case,	1 50
C. A. Marcy's bill,	20 56
Express on books, &c,	6 70
Transporting scholars,	70 00
Printing labels and blanks,	2 00
" school reports,	6 40
O. B. Curtis, supply agent,	26 00
Repairs of school houses,	322 20
	\$476 86

PAID TEACHERS.

Hattie E. Miller,	\$165 00
Ella P. Donelson,	50 00
Jennie R. Fairbanks,	100 00
Grace A. Burrington,	75 00
Sadie F. Hillman,	50 00
Emma H. Dwight,	157 00
Julia E. Hartwell,	50 00
Abbie M. Stewart,	160 00

E. L. Shearer,	\$50 00
Grace L. Bell,	45 00
Lura Donelson,	90 00
E. J. Spurr,	95 00
Clara E. Conant,	50 00
Wm. Smead,	45 00
L. M. Pierce,	54 00
Mrs. F. Smith,	210 00
Rosa L. Smith,	45 10
Minnie A. Mecum,	45 00
Addie White,	95 00
Winnie E. Purrington,	170 00
Clara F. Davenport,	115 00
Clara A. Howard,	83 00
F. T. Daniels,	110 00
Marion Purrington,	50 00
Fannie E. Barnard,	15 00
R. C. Hillman,	60 00
Total,	\$2,234 10

SCHOOL SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

Supplies on hand Feb. 20th, 1886,	\$110 02
Received of Knight Adams & Co.,	44 95
“ Leach, Shewell & Sanborn,	23 37
“ Harper Bros.,	37 74
“ Wm. Ware & Co.,	78 60
“ Adams and Ingraham,	83 25
“ Powers Paper Co.,	6 00
“ O. B. Curtis,	10 95

\$394 88

SUPPLIED SCHOOLS.

City,	.	.	.	.	.	\$35	44	
Foundry,	.	.	.	.	.	36	15	
Elm Grove,	.	.	.	.	.	23	77	
Griswoldville,	.	.	.	.	.	21	54	
Shattuckville,	.	.	.	.	.	15	01	
South,	.	.	.	.	.	17	13	
Brick,	.	.	.	.	.	13	32	
Wilson Hill,	.	.	.	.	.	33	73	
Adamsville,	.	.	.	.	.	6	63	
Christian Hill,	.	.	.	.	.	14	90	
Churchill,	.	.	.	.	.	14	88	
Spurr,	.	.	.	.	.	14	41	
Miller,	.	.	.	.	.	12	20	
Bardwell,	.	.	.	.	.	5	15	264 26
Supplies on hand Feb. 19th, 1887,	.	.	.	.	.			130 62
								\$394 88

RECAPITULATION.

Paid wood bills,	.	.	.	.	.	\$127	30	
Sundry	"	.	.	.	.	476	86	
Teachers,	.	.	.	.	.	2,234	10	
School books, &c.,	.	.	.	.	.	284	86	
								\$3,123 12

MISCELLANEOUS.

Number of schools in town,	.	.	.	.	.	14	
" persons, between 5 and 15 years,	.	.	.	.	.	330	
" " " 8 and 14 "	.	.	.	.	.	230	
Whole number attending school,	.	.	.	.	.	350	
Average membership,	.	.	.	.	.	277	

Average attendance, ...	\$250
Number over 15 years, ...	48
" under 5 "	5
Whole number months school, ...	108
Number male teachers, ...	3
" female "	23
Average wages of male teachers per month, ...	21 50
" " female "	20 40

A. A. SMITH,	} School Com.	
O. B. CURTIS,		of
J. MILO MILLER,		Coleraine.

February 22, 1887.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of the town of COLERAINE have this 23rd day of February, 1888, settled with the Treasurer of the Town and find his accounts with the same to be as follows:

A. C. SMITH, TREASURER, DR.

To cash on hand, February 23, 1887,	\$1,291 23
Collected tax of 1886,	466 25
From O. B. Curtis,	2 00
Dog money received,	77 60
For bridge plank,	4 85
S. T. Lincoln, license,	6 00
For State paupers,	109 00
For tile,	11 40
From O. B. Curtis,	2 00
For spikes,	45
Corporation tax,	130 14
National Bank tax.	184 49
State aid, Chapter 252,	56 00
" " 301,	188 00
School fund,	229 35
Dog money, 1887,	70 10
Taxes collected, 1887,	10,134 78
	—————\$12,956 64

CR.

Paid Selectmen's orders,	\$8,421 02
School Committee's orders,	2,926 01
State aid,	360 00
Assessors' abatements,	66 19
Cash in Treasury,	1,183 42
	—————\$12,956 64

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. SMITH, Treasurer.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

LABOR ON HIGHWAYS.

Paid O. B. Kendrick,	\$2 60
John L. Clark,	5 25
G. H. Stewart, Green River,	5 25
C. Symonds,	2 55
D. H. Brown,	2 00
M. B. Crosier,	1 87
M. O. Nichols,	6 00
F. M. Thompson,	8 10
G. H. Phillips,	4 15
Spring & Schoff,	3 50
S. F. Upton,	1 50
Wayne Hillman,	9 90
A. Dutton,	14 70
William Stewart,	2 25
“ “ Green River,	9 25
M. N. Johnson,	10 50
William Martin,	7 75
J. A. Dwight,	18 75
John Robertson,	7 10
G. J. Davenport,	6 25
D. D. Hillman,	1 50
R. E. Martin,	3 90
F. D. Conant,	3 50
E. B. Stewart,	18 95
Charles Hillman,	2 25
C. H. Steele,	17 10
R. W. Stacy,	6 83
Orson Call,	2 40
Charles Mitchell,	3 00
E. W. & R. M. Coombs,	9 50

Paid C. L. Roberts,	2 75
Noyes & Miller,	9 50
A. P. Nelson,	8 25
“ “ Green River,	35 15
S. B. Johnson,	14 00
H. A. Scott,	30 03
Harris & Miner,	6 90
“ “ cutting brush,	5 40
Jonathan Coombs,	13 00
Roberts & Brown,	50 00
S. G. Davenport,	4 60
D. M. Pierce,	1 50
George R. Purrington,	10 05
John E. Davenport,	4 45
Jonathan E. Davenport,	7 00
H. M. Peterson,	9 37
A. Nichols,	3 90
Frank Fairbanks,	1 50
C. B. McGee,	3 75
W. H. Bardwell,	10 80
Amos Stewart,	2 25
“ “ Green River,	28 75
J. S. Bell,	75
N. M. Walden,	3 45
E. F. Copeland,	10 00
J. P. Bell,	1 75
E. D. Alexander,	8 07
A. B. Nelson,	4 00
Chandler Brown,	5 50
Chester W. Smith,	8 25
H. A. Cook,	1 25
G. R. Paterson,	7 24
A. Dutton,	10 50
Thomas Smead,	5 77
W. H. Donelson,	4 50
George Matterson,	12 00
“ “ Green River,	42 50

Paid E. F. Copeland,	27 30
F. L. Shearer,	10 55
F. L. Purrington,	1 80
Fred Real,	6 90
Patrick Kelley, Green River,	10 00
Baxter Bardwell, Green River,	4 00
W. H. Donelson,	3 25
S. F. Upton,	11 25
G. H. Phillips,	12 35
John E. Bowen,	6 75
Henry Carr,	4 50
James Carr,	5 25
N. S. Harris,	5 70
O. H. Taylor,	9 00
L. W. Babbitt,	3 60
Lombard & Kendrick,	8 75
F. W. Jeffards,	3 90
George Matterson,	13 50
Frank A. Dunnell,	14 20
C. S. Cary,	18 06
Heman York,	21 52
C. F. White,	7 75
George A. White,	38 25
E. R. Cobb,	34 95
Joel Cone,	27 50
Fremont Purrington,	68 15
J. P. Sturtevant,	2 25
C. B. Dennison,	2 25
" " Green River,	56 00
George R. Jeffards,	2 00
L. H. Rogers,	8 25
T. R. Shearer,	9 90
" " Green River,	11 50
G. D. Stetson,	13 50
C. Lapere,	3 00
J. T. Miller,	3 00
C. E. Davenport,	13 60

Paid H. A. Howard,	12 30
E. B. Smith,	10 82
E. D. Alexander,	5 46
L. Spurr,	11 25
D. W. Snow,	2 00
E. G. Carrier,	18 75
F. L. Davenport,	2 47
O. E. Miller,	10 72
T. R. Miller,	28 35
T. C. Shearer,	30
B. Bardwell, Jr., Green River,	4 50
Horace Kemp & Son,	3 00
A. Hinsdale & Son,	7 50
Merrifield Bros.,	7 65
Charles Fairbanks,	1 50
John Churchill,	2 25
Elisha Pike & Son,	12 20
George Taintor,	14 55
C. H. Vincent,	6 00
Erastus Green,	7 00
S. W. Wheeler, 1886,	14 30
Charles Maxin,	2 55
Peter Gilbert,	90
H. F. Purrington,	21 45
Charles Call,	75
J. W. Carpenter,	16 00
Milo A. Thompson,	12 00
H. W. Thompson,	10 05
C. L. Donelson,	5 00
Luther Purrington,	25 00
Dennis Wilson,	1 50
C. W. Smith,	7 80
“ “ snowing bridge,	3 00
J. S. Bell,	1 43
J. M. Miller,	7 43
E. J. Davenport,	6 75
C. R. Snow,	15 53

Paid C. P. Thayer,	4 50
H. J. Smith,	21 90
H. C. & C. H. Cormack,	18 00
H. S. Browning,	4 83
“ “ Green River,	33 00
R. C. Hillman,	2 58
E. P. Booth,	6 75
D. W. Nelson, Green River,	17 00
Matthew Barber,	15 90
Frank L. Brown,	2 25
S. W. Wheeler,	5 29
N. F. Shippee,	2 70
Chester W. Smith,	11 81
S. C. Avery,	5 50
J. C. Van Valkenburg,	3 75
L. W. Stratton,	50
H. O. Scott,	6 75
G. W. Miller,	16 05
G. L. Pierce,	10 57
Charles A. Shearer,	4 50
J. E. Davenport,	1 75
J. D. Miller,	2 25
Nelson Joy,	3 00
J. B. Clark,	7 31
Aaron Franklin,	8 40
J. P. Bell,	3 00
Earl Shearer,	12 00
“ “ Green River,	27 00
“ “ Iron and powder for Green River,	4 85
Charles Nelson, Green River,	4 50
Frank Ballou, Green River,	13 50
J. D. Gilchrist,	7 00
\$1,698 41	

BRIDGES.

Paid L. E. Corse, plank,	\$91 84
A. R. Bullock, building Lyon Bridge,	70 00

Paid N. H. Purrington, timber for Lyon Bridge,	112 96
E. B. Smith, abatement, Lyon Bridge,	55 00
E. J. Corkins, plank,	10 70
A. W. Stone, timber,	19 74
B. H. Newell & Co., iron for bridges,	14 39
Lombard & Kendrick, timber,	4 32
Samuel Starkey, labor,	24 75
A. R. Bullock, labor,	36 00
Roberts & Allard, bridge iron,	27 87
Charles Bondry, labor,	1 50
J. C. Call. iron,	1 83
C. S. Cary, labor,	34 00
C. F. White, labor and lumber,	8 79
“ “ covering bridge, Taylor Brook,	30 00
A. M. V. Hagar, covering bridge, Adamsville,	36 00
R. C. Porter, labor,	10 50
Fremont Purrington, labor and timber,	35 81
“ “ snowing bridges,	8 25
Albert Bush, labor,	5 63
Kendrick & Temple, bridge plank,	25 12
J. P. Sturtevant, labor,	16 18
T. R. Shearer, Bardwell Bridge,	20 14
C. E. Davenport, plank,	6 78
E. B. Smith, labor and lumber,	19 53
H. J. Smith, labor,	10 96
Earl Shearer, timber and labor, Bardwell Bridge,	6 50
G. J. Davenport, labor,	1 80
C. N. Carpenter, building Morrison Bridge,	40 00
T. R. Miller, plank and timber,	14 93
B. H. Newell & Co., drain tile,	14 36
H. L. Gleason, bridge iron,	2 25
C. L. Donelson, timber,	3 90
C. H. Steele, labor and lumber,	13 00

Paid Charles Mitchell, plank,	19 19	
Noyes & Miller, labor,	3 95	
Harris & Miner, labor,	1 00	
Amos Stewart, lumber,	8 00	
G. R. Paterson, lumber,	13 07	
E. B. Stewart, labor,	3 30	
Ed. Alexander, plank,	22 64	
Elias Bardwell, labor and timber,	15 50	
D. W. Nelson, plank and timber,	10 69	
G. W. Miller, timber,	1 50	
Geo. L. Pierce, timber,	8 25	
A. R. Bullock, covering Lyon Bridge,	25 00	
C. N. Carpenter, surveying, plank,	2 00	
J. B. Clark, labor and timber,	12 00	
A. C. Smith, nails,	9 36	
“ “ paints,	1 10	
“ “ labor,	3 00	
		\$994 88

RAILING.

Paid F. A. Dunnell,	\$31 65	
H. M. Underwood,	27 04	
C. F. White,	4 00	
E. R. Cobb,	6 70	
Fremont Purrington,	10 25	
C. B. Dennison,	5 00	
C. W. Hillman,	6 69	
L. H. Rogers,	3 45	
C. E. Davenport,	6 67	
H. F. Purrington,	3 50	
G. H. Stewart,	14 20	
		\$119 15

HIGHWAY DAMAGE.

Paid A. E. Hescox,	\$80 50	
E. D. Alexander,	7 50	
A. A. Smith,	625 00	
		\$713 00

ABATEMENTS.

Paid Ed. Labrutey,	\$2 00	
Mrs. Levi Sprague,	6 41	
George White,	1 05	
D. D. Hillman,	2 00	
N. F. Shippee,	8 15	
Mrs. Huldah Henstraw,	5 40	
John E. Davenport,	3 60	
Poll tax abatements,	37 58	
		\$66 19

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid George Thompson for support of Daniel Harwood,	\$72 50	
Mrs. L. P. Yeaw for support of Orrin Vincent,	44 00	
Northampton Insane Asylum for support of R. Jeffards,	169 48	
John Forbes, supplies for Charles McCloud,	28 00	
Anon Bass for support of Sybel Tisdale,	37 50	
G. A. Russell, supplies for George Cook,	11 72	
Roberts & Brown for support of S. M. Handy,	99 00	
		\$462 20

INTEREST.

Paid interest on Town Debt,	\$542 06	
Principal,	1,500 00	
County Tax,	967 74	
State Tax,	742 50	
" Aid,	360 00	
School Committee's Orders,	2,926 01	

INCIDENTALS.

J. L. Wade & Co., printing town and school reports,	\$19 00
George Busha, repairing hearse,	6 50

Paid J. H. Curtis, repairing hearse,	1 00	
George Tyler & Co., repairs on scraper,	20 00	
D. W. Snow, services as Registrar,	3 00	
Expense in A. A. Smith damage case,	15 50	
Field & Hall, printing,	4 17	
Tax on cattle,	2 87	
E. A. Hall, advertising,	1 50	
C. S. Cary, services on Green River and		
A. A. Smith case,	8 00	
Express and postage,	1 99	
C. A. Marcy on acc't of paupers,	2 20	
" " services on Green River and		
A. A. Smith case,	10 00	
Earl Shearer paid for counsel,	2 00	
" " services on Green River and		
A. A. Smith case,	10 00	
A. C. Smith, collecting and recording		
births,	17 50	
A. C. Smith, collecting and recording		
deaths,	9 00	
A. C. Smith, collecting and recording		
marriages,	2 40	
H. A. Smith, posting warrants,	5 00	
A. C. Smith, paid express,	2 95	
" " paid printing tax bills,	2 00	
" " carrying votes to Charlemont,	3 00	
" " Registrar, two years,	5 00	
" " Stationery and postage,	5 00	
		\$159 58

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

SELECTMEN.

Paid C. A. Marcy,	\$50 00	
Earl Shearer,	50 00	
C. S. Cary,	25 00	
		\$125 00

ASSESSORS.

Paid H. A. Howard,	35 00	
J. A. Dwight,	38 75	
J. D. Miller,	28 00	
		\$101 75

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid A. A. Smith,	\$62 00	
O. B. Curtis,	36 50	
J. Milo Miller,	30 25	
		\$128 75

TREASURER.

Paid A. C. Smith,	\$50 00
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TAX COLLECTOR.

Paid A. C. Smith,	\$40 00
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HEARSEMAN.

Paid H. A. Smith,	\$38 00
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SEXTONS.

Paid A. B. Nelson,	\$6 00	
T. C. Shearer,	2 00	
Noyes & Miller,	4 00	
H. J. Smith,	26 00	
		\$38 00

RECAPITULATION.

Paid for Highways,	\$1,698 41
Bridges,	994 83
Support of Poor,	462 20
Town Officers,	445 50
Incidentals,	159 58
Interest,	542 06
Town Debt,	1,500 00
Sextons,	38 00
Hearseman,	38 00
County Tax,	967 74
State Tax,	742 50

Paid for Highway Damage,	713 00
Railing,	119 15
School Committee's Orders,	2,926 01
State Aid,	360 00
Abatements,	66 19
	\$11,773 23

SUMMARY.

Receipts,	\$12,956 64
Disbursements,	\$11,773 22
Cash in Treasury,	1,183 42
	\$12,956 64

Debt of Town,	\$10,400 00
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RESOURCES.

Cash in Treasury, February 23, 1888,	\$1,183 42
Due from State on acc't of State Aid,	312 00
On Tax of 1886,	27 88
On Tax of 1887,	789 68
	2,312 98

Balance against the Town above Resources,	\$8,087 02
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All of which is respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. MARCY,	} Selectmen
EARL SHEARER,	
CLARK S. CARY,	
	of
	Coleraine.

ERRATA.—The item "School fund, \$229.35," under Treasurer's Report on Page 3, should read "School fund, \$222.35."

ANNUAL REPORT

—: OF THE :—

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

—: OF THE :—

TOWN OF COLERAINE,

—: FOR THE :—

YEAR 1887-8.



NORTH ADAMS, MASS.:
WALDEN & CRAWLEY, BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS,
1888.

REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS:—In compliance with the laws of the Commonwealth, and in the fulfilment of our duty as School Committee, we present to you for your consideration, the following report of the schools in town for the year just ended.

Your committee believe the schools have been quite as good as in any previous year. Some of them have been very good, and none very poor.

The teachers employed have been competent and without exception earnestly devoted to their work, the most of them having had considerable experience in the school-room in town. were well known to us, and employed during the year.

We found the greater part of the school-houses in fair condition, and have not considered it advisable to lay out a large amount on school-house repairs, although something has been done, but have endeavored to make them comfortable, with as little expense as possible, realizing that the burden of taxation falls quite heavily on us as a town. More will have to be done another year.

The amount for books and other school supplies has been less than in any other year, since the passage of the "Act to provide for the furnishing of free text-books and school supplies to the pupils of the public schools."

The schools are now well supplied, and greater care has been taken to see that the property of the town is not unnecessarily destroyed or defaced.

While there are some things to commend in our schools, yet the fact is to apparent that there are evils existing; that it is imperative should be corrected.

One of the evils is irregular attendance ; a child is in school one day, and kept out the next, or perhaps the next two or three days. When he again attends, he finds he has lost his standing in his class, he has fallen behind the others pursuing the same studies ; of course he is discouraged. Nor is this anything the teachers can remedy.

Let not parents flatter themselves, that by sending their children to school thus irregularly, they are discharging their duties to their children or to the community. You may send them during the thirty weeks, enough to make twenty weeks' attendance in the course of the year, (as some try to do), thinking you have complied with the law. Yet this does not answer the statute, which reads : *Chapter 47, Section 1st*, "Every person having under his control a child between the ages of eight and fourteen years, shall annually cause such child to attend for at least twenty weeks some public day school in the city or town in which he resides, which time shall be divided so far as the arrangement of school terms will allow, into two terms each of ten consecutive weeks ; and for every neglect of such duty, the person offending shall forfeit to the use of the public schools of such city or town a sum not exceeding twenty dollars."

Ten weeks' regular attendance would be much better for your child than the twenty in this manner, for one week of daily regular attendance is worth more than two irregular.

This is not all—the interest is destroyed and the classes discouraged, the irregular scholar must be taught by himself or herself, (thus time is lost), or permitted to drag along in the class retarding others. It is with you, parents, to remedy this evil, voluntarily if you will, rather than by the compulsory arm of the law.

We were favored last autumn with a visit from an Agent of the Board of Education, Mr. John T. Prince, which we believe was profitable to the teachers and also to the School Committee.

Many suggestions were made by him, which if considered and carried out, will be of benefit to our schools.

We were called to an account in regard to the condition of our school-houses, when we could only plead the large number of school-houses in town, and our limited means for improving them.

But our attention was called more particularly to the sanitary condition of the surroundings, for which we could offer no excuse, and which we are required to correct; and which no doubt will be done, in the year to come.

It was not extremely gratifying to have him inform us, that we had the poorest school-houses with the worst sanitary arrangements, of any town he had visited.

With our present arrangement of three terms of ten weeks' school, we now give to each pupil if he will improve the opportunity, thirty weeks' schooling during the year, which ought to be considered liberal on the part of the town.

We trust you will bear in mind when making the appropriations, the necessity of a reasonable amount to improve our school-houses and their surroundings.

We invite your attention to the following tabular statement.

STATISTICS.

SCHOOLS.	No. of Terms.	No. of Weeks.	No. of Scholars.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.
Adamsville,	3.....	30.....	23.....	18 1-4.....	16
Bardwell,	3.....	30.....	8.....	6 1-2.....	6
Brick,	3.....	30.....	23.....	16 3-4.....	15 3-4
Christian Hill,	2.....	24.....	29.....	23 1-2.....	20 1-4
Churchill,	3.....	30.....	14.....	10 1-2.....	9
City,	3.....	30.....	31.....	27	24 1-2
Elm Grove,	3.....	30.....	15.....	10 1-3.....	9 3-4
Foundry Inter.,	3.....	30.....	34.....	29 1-3.....	27
Foundry Prim.,	3.....	30.....	45.....	31 1-2.....	30
Griswoldville,	3.....	30.....	65.....	47	43
Miller,	3.....	30.....	20.....	11 3-4.....	11 1-4
Shattuckville,	3.....	30.....	40.....	27	25 1-2
South,	3.....	30.....	11.....	9 1-2.....	8 3-4
Spurr,	3.....	30.....	11.....	7	6
Wilson Hill,	3.....	30.....	17.....	14 1-3.....	13

FINANCES.

Appropriation of town,	\$2,400 00
State school fund,	222 35
Dog fund,	70 10
Appropriation for supplies,	250 00
Tuition,	2 00
	—————\$2,944 45

PAID TEACHERS.

R. C. Hillman,	\$66 00
F. T. Daniels,	70 00
Winnie E. Purinton,	185 00
Clara A. Howard,	50 00
Addie White,	160 00
Clara F. Davenport,	100 00
Lucy R. Smith,	70 00
Marion Purinton,	45 00
Cora B. Davenport,	45 00
Julia E. Hartwell,	150 00
Fannie M. Gleason,	60 00
Mattie M. Brown,	45 00
Fannie M. Barnard,	95 00
Emma H. Dwight,	50 00
Lizzie E. Stratton,	110 00
Etta S. Shearer,	50 00
Lura Donelson,	150 00
Clara E. Conant,	150 00
Lizzie Dunnell,	95 00
Ella P. Donelson,	150 00
Mattie Dunnell,	85 50
Addie Smead,	94 50
Abbie M. Stewart,	110 00
Lucy M. Pierce,	45 00
Fannie E. Woodard,	54 00
	—————\$2,285 00

SUNDRIES.

Paid wood bills,	\$173 01	
Repairs of school-houses,	78 59	
Cleaning school-houses,	20 50	
C. A. Marcy's bill,	19 31	
Building fires,	15 00	
Transporting scholars,	20 00	
O. B. Curtis, supply agent,	19 35	
Brooms and pails,	5 50	
Express,	4 75	
		\$356 01

SCHOOL SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

Supplies on hand Feb. 19, 1887,	\$130 62	
Purchased of Adams & Ingraham,	22 05	
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn,	42 95	
William Ware & Co.,	45 10	
Harper Brothers,	26 76	
Charles H. Whiting,	13 70	
C. T. Bagnall,	75	
C. P. Alden,	5 50	
O. B. Curtis,	4 91	
		\$292 34

SUPPLIED SCHOOLS.

City,	\$12 32
Griswoldville,	15 13
Foundry village,	36 96
Shattuckville,	20 23
Wilson Hill,	19 29
Miller,	13 19
Spurr,	12 83
Adamsville,	13 24
Brick,	7 13
Christian Hill,	14 45
Churchill,	6 62

Elm Grove,	11 13	
Bardwell,	4 33	
South,	6 58	
		\$193 43
Supplies on hand Feb. 18, 1888,		98 91
		\$292 34

RECAPITULATION.

Paid Teachers,	\$2,285 00
Sundry Bills,	356 01
School Books, etc.,	161 72
	\$2,802 73

MISCELLANEOUS.

Number of schools in town,	15
“ persons between 5 and 15 years,	376
“ “ “ 8 and 14 years,	234
Whole number attending school,	386
Average membership,	290 1-4
Average attendance,	262 3-4
Number over 15 years,	34
“ under 5 years,	5
Whole number months school,	111
Number male teachers,	2
“ female “	23
Average wages of male teachers, per month,	\$27 20
“ “ female “ “	20 47

O. B. CURTIS,	} School Committee
A. A. SMITH,	
J. MILO MILLER,	
	of
	Coleraine.

February 18, 1888.

ANNUAL REPORT

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of the town of Colerain have this 20th day of February, 1889, settled with the Treasurer of the Town, and find his accounts with the same to be as follows:

A. C. SMITH, TREASURER, DR.

To cash on hand, February 23, 1888,	\$1,183 42
S. C. Lincoln, license,	6 00
For plank,	7 25
Corporation tax,	131 73
National Bank tax,	131 03
State aid, Chapter 252,	92 00
" " 301,	168 00
School fund,	86 66
State school fund,	411 20
Cash received for school books,	7 80
H. J. Smith, shingle,	2 00
Tax of 1887, collected,	733 26
" 1888, "	9,860 79
" 1886, "	15 88
	————— \$12,837 02

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Paid Selectmen's orders,	7,408 70
School Committee's orders,	3,725 75
State aid,	366 00
Cash in Treasury,	1,251 45
Abatements,	85 12
	————— \$12,837 02

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. SMITH, Treasurer.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

LABOR ON HIGHWAYS.

Paid J. M. Miller,	\$4 87
L. Spurr,	9 00
N. M. Walden,	9 90
Joseph Livly,	5 70
Charles Miner,	1 50
F. I. Webster, powder and fuse,	7 96
W. E. Southworth,	3 37
A. B. Nelson,	3 50
R. J. Donelson,	3 00
A. Tatroult,	5 10
L. B. More,	3 60
W. J. Purrington,	12 30
J. P. Bell,	3 00
Harry Bell,	11 00
Chandler Brown,	3 40
Luke White,	75
Carl Kehl,	1 20
Eugene Arial,	1 50
George Hough,	1 50
Charles Bandry,	1 20
F. L. Shearer, 1887,	10 50
Frank Thompson,	2 25
E. F. Copeland,	7 00
William Martin, repairing walls on Green River Road,	100 00
William Seslor, 1887,	33 15
O. H. Taylor, "	19 05
L. W. Babbitt,	7 55

J. H. Carr,	12 37
J. E. Bowen,	6 75
O. D. Kemp,	11 45
D. W. Snow,	1 50
Heman York,	17 00
J. W. Burrington,	7 95
C. P. Thayer,	5 25
Merifield Brothers,	10 95
Milo A. Thompson,	14 50
G. D. Stedson,	16 80
L. H. Rogers,	4 20
H. M. Peterson,	6 00
F. W. Jeffards,	3 50
A. Tatroult,	6 75
H. C. & C. H. Cormack,	10 50
Ed. Kendrick,	6 97
E. B. Smith,	33 90
N. M. Walden,	7 20
J. B. Sturtevant,	11 62
F. A. Dunnell,	3 00
F. A. Walden,	4 85
Wayne Hillman,	27 15
W. E. Southworth & Son,	9 15
E. R. Cobb,	32 25
J. J. Dwight, 1887,	23 46
“ “	24 75
J. T. Miller,	2 25
J. A. Dwight,	19 50
Frank Miller, •	1 50
G. H. Phillips,	9 00
Griswoldville Mfg. Co.,	9 14
Warner Pratt,	6 00
Luther Purrington,	5 00
C. E. Davenport,	5 85
O. B. Kendrick,	4 80
Joshua Purrington,	22 00
Jonathan E. Davenport,	10 75

Paid H. A. Scott,	39 90
William Stewart,	12 75
D. W. Nelson,	10 50
E. B. Stewart,	4 75
G. W. Miller,	11 90
A. Nichols,	5 25
J. W. Carpenter,	13 50
S. B. Johnson,	10 00
L. W. Stratton,	6 00
C. H. Vincent,	5 32
George R. Purrington,	8 70
I. G. Call,	1 50
Erastus Greene,	4 50
C. F. White,	11 50
E. J. Davenport,	8 40
C. D. Miner,	6 00
John E. Davenport,	4 00
A. P. Nelson,	18 25
C. M. Fairbanks,	4 20
H. Kemp & Son,	18 85
Mathew Barber,	5 00
E. S. Alexander,	2 50
L. A. Brigham,	75
G. M. Taintor,	15 05
R. C. Porter,	3 50
M. B. Crosier,	1 80
S. F. Upton,	4 50
A. W. Hinsdale,	3 00
Charles Call,	1 50
Frank Smith,	4 50
Charles W. Smith,	24 75
H. F. Purrington,	12 00
Orson Call,	2 25
C. Webster Smith,	2 55
C. S. Cary,	9 00
R. W. Stacy,	3 23
C. W. Maxom,	3 75

Paid C. A. Shearer,	2 55
O. E. Miller,	6 52
T. R. Miller,	16 12
Daniel Cary,	6 90
A. B. Nelson,	4 50
E. F. Copeland,	50 55
F. L. Brown,	1 50
Nelson Joy,	1 25
Dennis Wilson,	3 00
C. H. Steele,	13 90
F. D. Conant,	13 37
Elias Bardwell,	5 62
Thomas Smead, 1887,	9 50
“ “	3 00
A. L. Burrington,	4 50
E. Pike & Son,	10 50
A. Dutton,	6 60
R. J. Donelson,	4 50
Roberts & Brown,	37 50
Roberts Brothers,	4 00
M. M. Johnson,	14 10
John Robertson,	2 25
Daniel Cary,	3 25
Coombs Brothers,	19 05
S. C. Avery,	2 55
C. W. Hillman,	2 25
H. J. Smith,	4 00
Earl Shearer,	12 85
T. R. Shearer,	2 26
Robert Miller,	7 30
H. O. Scott,	6 75
E. C. Harris,	5 55
J. D. Gilchrist,	10 00
Chandler Brown,	7 65
H. W. Thompson,	6 50
Joel Cone,	8 50
John L. Clark,	1 50

Paid Amos Stewart,	30 00	
A. C. Smith & Son,	27 85	
C. B. Dennison,	23 30	
M. O. Nichols,	3 00	
Chester W. Smith,	26 50	
J. C. Thompson,	1 92	
Fremont Purrington,	44 85	
		\$1,475 36

BRIDGES.

Paid Kendrick & Temple, lumber,	\$63 72
F. W. Purrington, drawing plank,	1 30
E. J. Corkins, lumber,	50 69
Charles Perry, "	12 75
Samuel Niles, plank,	41 45
F. L. Shearer, labor,	4 50
R. A. Bullock, inspecting bridges,	6 00
Lewis Shearer, lumber,	11 55
Roberts & Allard, iron work,	11 71
B. H. Newell & Co., iron,	3 46
Fremont Purrington, lumber,	7 80
" " labor,	9 97
E. B. Smith, "	7 95
F. A. Dunnell, "	7 50
" " lumber,	5 00
C. N. Carpenter, labor,	5 00
Griswoldville Mfg. Co., lumber,	15 07
C. E. Davenport,	12 75
William Stewart, plank,	1 00
D. W. Nelson, "	11 33
E. B. Stewart, "	3 80
Mrs. G. H. Stewart, lumber,	6 00
J. W. Carpenter,	8 00
L. W. Stratton, fortifying on river,	6 00
C. F. White, lumber,	2 00
E. S. Alexander, plank,	8 51
H. F. Purrington, "	1 00
" " labor,	7 50

Paid C. S. Cary,	"	2 00	
F. W. Purrington, lumber,		2 58	
Roberts & Brown, labor,		44 50	
Fremont Purrington, snowing bridges,		7 25	
Roberts & Brown,	" "	3 00	
" "	fortifying on river,	28 35	
E. R. Cobb, lumber,		7 73	
S. C. Avery, fortifying on river,		16 80	
Albert Day, plank,		53 00	
H. J. Smith, lumber,		15 00	
Earl Shearer,	"	5 62	
Robert Miller, fortifying on river,		8 10	
C. A. Marcy, inspecting bridges,		5 00	
Charles W. Smith, snowing bridges,		3 50	
A. M. V. Heger, covering bridge,		35 00	
			\$57 ⁰ 74

RAILING.

Paid Eliger Smith,	\$3 00	
Merifield Brothers,	7 38	
Fremont Purrington,	7 71	
E. B. Stewart,	2 00	
A. P. Nelson,	3 00	
F. D. Conant,	9 52	
E. R. Cobb,	9 76	
Amos Stewart,	1 50	
		\$43 87

HIGHWAY DAMAGE.

Paid E. C. Harris, repairing wagon,	\$5 00	
F. M. Payne,	12 50	
Ruel Cobb,	5 00	
		\$22 50

ABATEMENTS.

Paid H. F. Purrington,	\$2 36	
Sarah J. Curtis,	2 97	
George White's estate,	3 60	
Sundry abatements,	76 19	
		\$85 12

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Northampton Insane Asylum for sup- port of R. Jeffards,	\$170 55
Town of Erving, support of Chas. Ware,	13 60
George Thompson, support of Daniel Harwood,	87 50
A. N. Hull, coal for James Wallace,	6 83
Mrs. L. P. Yeaw, support of Orrin Vincent,	56 00
H. S. Swan, coffin for German child,	5 00
Town of North Adams, coal for Frank Bradley,	6 00
Anon Bass, support of Sybel Tisdale,	112 50
C. W. Shattuck, goods for Mrs. Moses Purrington,	24 13
Dr. Lamb, medical attendance P. Fonia,	3 50
H. S. Swan, coffin for Herzig child,	4 00
“ “ “ “ P. Fonia,	13 00
Town of Greenfield, for James Wallace, 1887,	87 59
Town of Greenfield, for James Wallace, 1888,	83 17
Town of Greenfield, for Charles McCloud, 1887,	25 21
C. W. Shattuck, goods for P. Fonia,	4 94
G. W. Miller, support of Arad Shearer,	5 00
Dr. Severance, medical attendance James Wallace,	26 00
Roberts & Brown, keeping tramps,	4 00
H. F. Purrington, milk for P. Fonia,	1 66
F. B. McLeane, keeping tramps,	3 50
Griswoldville Mfg. Co., goods for P. Fonia,	3 84
	\$747 54

INTEREST.

Paid interest on Town Debt,	\$478 05
Principal,	1,500 00
County Tax,	967 74
State Tax,	742 50
“ Aid,	366 00
School Committee's Orders,	3,725 75

INCIDENTALS.

Paid Dr. Lamb, re-collecting births,	\$12 00
Walden & Crawley, printing town and school reports,	18 40
George Tyler & Co., repairs for road machine,	17 75
H. S. Greenleif, Post No. 20, G. A. R., for Memorial day,	50 00
E. A. Hall, blanks,	4 00
D. W. Snow, services as Registrar,	2 00
B. H. Newell & Co., cables for derrick,	41 75
Austin DeWolf, counsel,	37 00
Thomas & Hillman, nails,	1 06
George H. Carpenter, services as Registrar 1887 and 1888,	11 00
Elias Bardwell, services as Registrar,	2 00
C. A. Marcy, powder and fuse,	1 65
“ “ express,	1 90
“ “ sticking up bridge plank,	50
C. A. Marcy, glass for hearse,	85
“ “ on account of paupers,	1 50
“ “ wood for Town Hall,	4 50
“ “ postage and stationery,	2 75
A. C. Smith, collecting and recording births,	16 50
A. C. Smith, collecting and recording deaths,	2 60
A. C. Smith, collecting and recording marriages,	2 10

Paid A. C. Smith, express,	3 55	
" " stamps and stationery,	2 62	
" " tax bills,	3 00	
" " recording book,	1 50	
" " services as Registrar,	3 00	
B. H. Newell & Co., drain tile,	8 42	
A. C. Smith, can paint,	1 50	
		\$265 40

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

SELECTMEN.

Paid C. A. Marcy,	\$50 00	
C. S. Cary,	30 00	
Amos Stewart,	30 00	
		\$110 00

ASSESSORS.

Paid H. A. Howard,	\$37 50	
J. A. Dwight,	35 00	
J. D. Miller,	32 00	
		\$104 50

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid A. A. Smith,	\$65 00	
J. Milo Miller,	35 25	
Mrs. H. A. Smith,	26 25	
" " " supply agent,	23 00	
		\$149 50

TREASURER.

Paid A. C. Smith,	\$50 00
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TAX COLLECTOR.

Paid A. C. Smith,	\$40 00
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HEARSEMAN.

Paid H. A. Smith,	\$64 00
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CONSTABLE.

Paid H. A. Smith,	\$5 00
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SEXTONS.

Paid A. B. Nelson,	\$18 00	
F. W. Purrington,	42 00	
H. J. Smith,	4 00	
Robert Miller,	8 00	
		\$72 00

RECAPITULATION.

Paid for Highways,	\$1,475 36
Bridges,	570 74
Railing,	43 87
Highway Damage,	22 50
Abatements,	85 12
Support of Poor,	747 54
Interest,	478 05
Principal,	1,500 00
County Tax,	967 74
State Tax,	742 50
" Aid,	366 00
School Committee's Orders,	3,725 75
Incidentals,	265 40
Town Officers' Bills,	595 00
	\$11,585 57

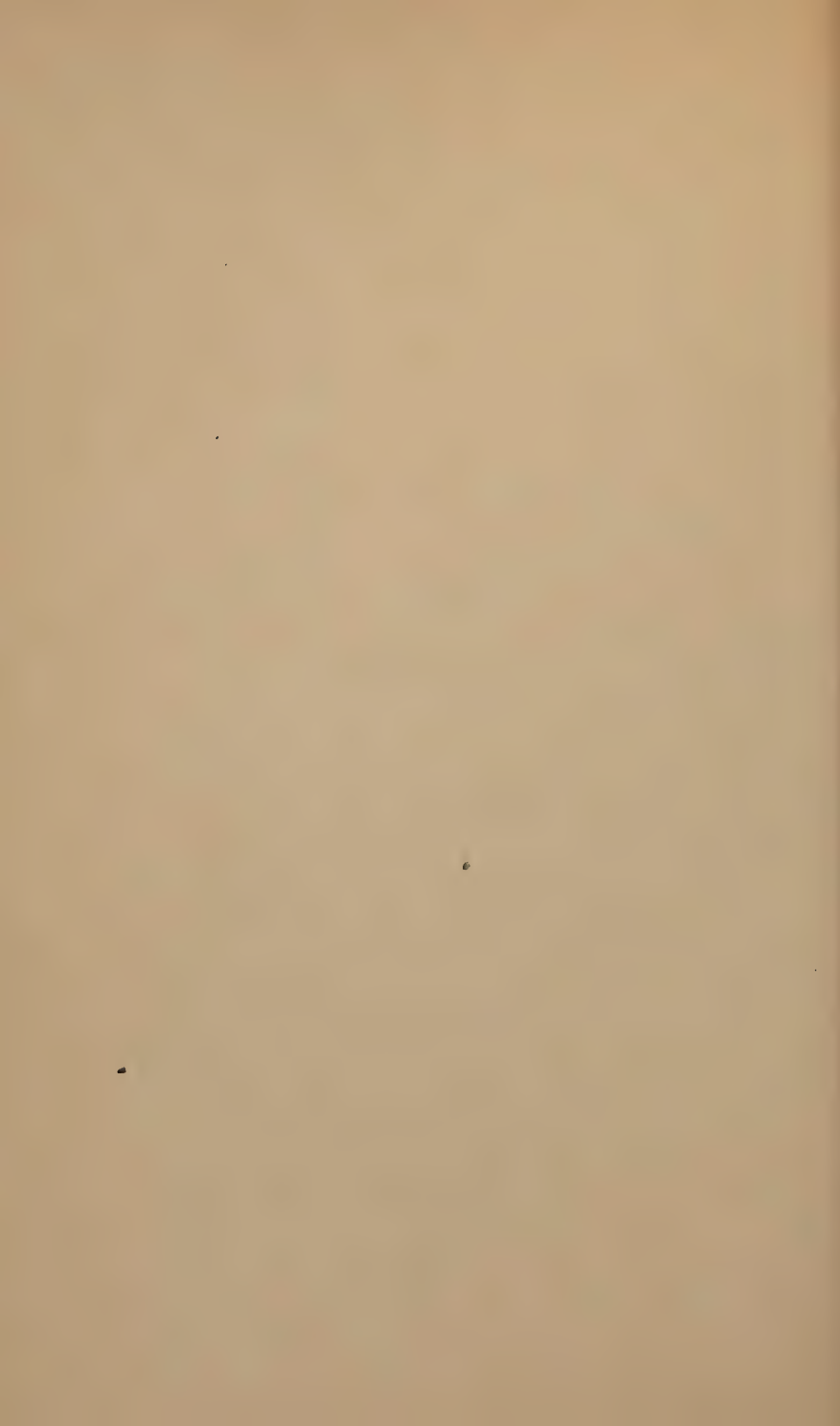
SUMMARY.

Receipts,	\$12,837 02
Disbursements,	\$11,585 57
Cash in Treasury,	1,251 45
	\$12,837 02
Debt of Town,	\$8,900 00

RESOURCES.

Cash in Treasury,	\$1,251 45
On Taxes of 1886,	12 00
" " " 1887,	56 42
" " " 1888,	1,172 91
Due from State on account of Paupers,	33 93
Conway, for Paupers,	28 13
Due from State on account of State Aid,	252 00
	\$2,806 84
Balance against the Town above Resources,	\$6,093 16
All of which is respectfully submitted.	

CHARLES A. MARCY,) *Selectmen*
 CLARK S. CARY,) *of*
 AMOS STEWART,) *Coleraine.*



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL :- COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF COLERAINE,

FOR THE

YEAR 18 -9.

Feb 1889



SHELBURNE FALLS, MASS.:
J. L. GOLDSMITH, Steam Book and Job Printer.
1889.

REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS :—As School Committee of Coleraine, we present for your consideration a brief report of our doings for the school year ending February 20, 1889.

Shortly after we organized for the duties of the year a vacancy occurred in the School Board, occasioned by the death of O. B. Curtis, Esq., who had served you faithfully for nearly thirty years.

A special meeting was called, the Selectmen and remaining members of the School Committee being present. Mrs. Henry A. Smith was appointed Supply Agent, and all the school supplies belonging to the town were delivered to her, previous to the beginning of the summer schools, for safe keeping and distribution.

Having quite a stock of books and other supplies on hand at the beginning of the year, only enough have been purchased to supply the demand, and in a number of instances the Agent has called in old ones not in use and sent them to other schools as needed, thereby saving the town the sum of \$23.37. Notwithstanding the good care the teachers have taken of the books, many of them are very much worn, having been used several years.

In view of the fact that the State *requires* physiology to be taught in the Public Schools, the Commissioners saw fit to purchase Yaggy's Anatomical Studies, rather than order more text books, the supply being nearly exhausted. These were bought with the understanding that the "Laws of Health" now in the schools would be called in and disposed of, negotiations for

which are now pending. From these studies pupils have learned more of anatomy and physiology in a *single term* than they would learn from a text-book in *two years*; and the Committee feel that the investment was a good one, though the expense was considerable. The teacher of an evening school came to the Supply Agent and asked the privilege of *buying* some school books. The request was granted, as the money thus received would pay for more books whenever the town should need them. This explains the item of \$7.80 received from sale of books.

Quite a large sum has been expended in way of repairs. Ten school houses have been painted outside, and as many more inside. In addition to this was shingling, sheathing, painting, blackboards, etc.

New desks were furnished for the South School and a few at the Christian Hill. Notwithstanding the expense for repairs and furniture exceeds the appropriation, we feel that the money has been profitably and economically expended.

We would recommend an appropriation for repairing and painting the Elm Grove School house, also for painting the one on Christian Hill.

Our schools (sixteen in number, nearly all of them having had three terms of ten weeks each), have been for the most part satisfactory to the Committee, and we trust acceptable to the citizens.

We have intended to employ none but experienced teachers in the larger schools, and in others only those who, in our judgment, were capable of filling the places assigned them.

We think more interest than usual has been taken by the taxpayers in trying to satisfy themselves that the money appropriated for schools was being judiciously expended, as in looking over the Registers we find the names of many patrons who have never been in the habit of visiting schools. This, to us, is an encouraging feature.

In conclusion, we earnestly beseech parents and guardians to show their interest in, and appreciation of, our public schools by

seeing to it that their children and wards are regular and punctual in their attendance. Our common schools are a heritage received from our ancestors, of which we are proud, and to which each succeeding generation has contributed something in the way of elevating the standard of instruction and widening the range of scientific study, until now, at nearly the close of the nineteenth century, our schools, next to our churches, are the especial pride and glory of an educated, cultivated and liberty-loving people.

STATISTICS.

SCHOOLS.	No. of Terms.	No. of Weeks.	No. of Scholars.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.
Adamsville.....	3	30	27	17.1	1.43
Bardwell.....	3	30	9	7.33	6.5
Brick.....	3	30	15	13	12.45
Christian Hill... 3	29	32	25.9	23.6	
Churchill.....	3	30	13	8.61	8
City.....	3	30	38	27.83	25.45
Elm Grove.....	3	30	14	11	9.75
Foundry Inter... 3	30	42	26.58	22.43	
Foundry Pri.... 3	30	37	27.8	23.1	
Four Corners... 3	24	5	4	3.16	
Griswoldville . . 3	30	66	53.02	49.2	
Miller.....	3	30	17	14	13.6
Shattuckville... 3	30	55	41.85	36.43	
South.....	3	30	9	6.13	5.2
Spurs.....	3	30	9	7.4	6.22
Wilson Hill..... 3	30	20	14.1	11	

FINANCES.

Appropriation of town,	\$2,400 00	
“ for supplies,	200 00	
“ “ repairs,	450 00	
State School fund,	411 20	
Dog fund,	61 05	
Received from Quintus Allen's estate,	86 66	
“ “ sale of books,	7 80	
“ “ shingles,	2 00	
		\$3,618 71

SUNDRIES.

Paid Wood bills,	\$153 82	
Repairs of school houses,	578 90	
Cleaning “ “	26 25	
Building fires and care of school rooms,	16 25	
Express,	4 70	
Freight,	1 38	
Taking census of school children,	5 00	
School furniture,	73 23	
Employment tickets and age and schooling certificates,	3 50	
Bills of previous years,	35 10	
		\$898 13

TEACHERS.

Paid Inez Basse,	\$50 00
Clara Davenport,	115 00
Ella P. Donelson,	160 00
Jennie Fairbanks,	155 00
Mattie Brown,	145 00
Lura Donelson,	135 00
Julia Ballard,	180 00
Lucy Smith,	180 00
Lizzie Dunnell,	166 00
Addie White,	210 00
Grace Burrington,	42 75
Mattie Robertson,	24 00
Edith Stewart,	28 00

Grace Clark,	28 00	
Sadie A. Thompson,	120 00	
Lizzie Stratton,	90 00	
Emma H. Dwight,	38 50	
Clara E. Conant,	180 00	
Mattie I. Dunnell,	128 00	
Mina Hillman,	36 60	
Clara A. Howard,	45 00	
Sadie E. Steigleder,	44 00	
Hattie M. Smead,	135 00	
Lawrence W. Hicks,	25 00	
Deane C. Howard,	60 00	
		\$2,520 85

SCHOOL SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

Supplies received May 1st, 1888,	\$97 44	
Amount purchased,	311 74	
		\$409 18

SUPPLIED SCHOOLS.

Adamsville,	\$12 72	
Brick,	6 21	
Bardwell,	7 15	
Churchill,	5 38	
Christian Hill,	17 43	
City,	28 84	
E'm Grove,	12 30	
Foundry Intermediate,	20 54	
“ Primary,	11 27	
Griswoldville,	36 47	
Miller,	8 42	
Shattuckville,	16 99	
South,	6 89	
Spurr,	5 04	
Wilson Hill,	8 44	
Four Corners,	3 11	
		\$207 20

SUPPLIED SCHOOLS IN GENERAL.

3 Yaggy's Anatomical Studies,	\$78 00	
500 Book labels,	1 33	
Dippers, pails, dust-pans, shovels,	1 90	
11 Brooms,	2 80	
		\$84 03
Received from sale of books,		7 80
		\$91 83
Amount supplied schools,	\$207 20	
Supplies on hand February 16th, 1889,	110 15	
		\$409 18

RECAPITULATION.

Paid Teachers,	\$2,520 85	
Sundries,	898 13	
Amount of school supplies purchased,	311 74	
		\$3,730 72

MISCELLANEOUS.

Number of schools in town,	16
" pupils between 8 and 14,	249
" children " 5 " 15, according to census,	372
Whole number attending school,	408
Average membership,	305.65
" attendance,	257.52
Number over 15 years,	26
" under 5 "	9
Whole number of months school,	118 $\frac{1}{4}$
Number of male teachers,	2
" female "	23
Average wages of male teachers per month,	\$22 00
" " female " " "	20 50

J. MILO MILLER,	} School Committee of Coleraine.
ARTHUR A. SMITH,	
Mrs. HENRY A. SMITH,	

Coleraine, February 20th, 1889.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

FRANKLIN, ss. :

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Coleraine, in the
County of Franklin :*

GREETING :—

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Town, on Monday, the fourth day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles :

- 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
- 2nd. To hear the report of the Selectmen and School Committee, and act thereon.
- 3rd. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
- 4th. To choose one member of the School Board for three years.
- 5th. To raise and appropriate money for the necessary expenses of the town for the year ensuing.
- 6th. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and pay on its indebtedness.
- 7th. To see what method the Town will take to repair its roads and bridges for the year ensuing, and act thereon.
- 8th. To see what method the Town will take to support its poor for the year ensuing, and act thereon.
- 9th. To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors as made out by the Selectmen, and act thereon.
- 10th. To see what action the Town will take in regard to building the roads laid out by the Commissioners some ten years

ago between the road leading to George Davenport's and Nelson Purrington's, and raise money for the same.

11th. To see if the Town will insure the Town Hall, and if so, for how much.

12th. To bring in their votes on a separte ballot, yes or no, to the question shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town as required by act approved March 3rd, 1888.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the meeting houses in said town except on Christian Hill, and also at the Post Office at Adamsville, in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this twentieth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine.

A true copy.

Attest:

H. A. SMITH, Constable.

CHARLES A. MARCY,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
CLARK S. CARY,	
AMOS STEWART,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Coleraine.</i>

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of the town have, this 18th day of February, 1890, settled with the Treasurer of the town and find his accounts with the town to be as follows :

A. C. SMITH, Treasurer.

DR.

To cash in hands, Feb. 20th, 1889	\$ 1,251.45
Received of Griswoldville Manufacturing Co.	5.62
of F. L. Davenport for plank	10.06
of Balance corporation tax	.38
of County Treasurer, dog fund	61.05
of town of Conway on account of poor	36.13
of S. C. Lincoln, license	6.00
Levi Davenport fund	155.00
of O. H. Lamb for plank	.62
of State, corporation tax	134.66
State aid, chap, 252	112.00
State aid, chap 301	144.00
National Bank tax	151.57
for use of derrick	10.00
Massachuseet School fund	215.01
of Thomas & Hillman for plank	2.08

Discount on interest	.85
of Quintis Allen fund	160.15
of City of Boston on account of Mc-	
Carty children	156.00
on account of F. W. Purrington, lumber	5.37
on account of tax, 1886	4.00
on account of tax, 1887	50.42
on account of tax, 1888	1,111.14
on account of tax, 1889	8,462.59
	\$12,250.80

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Paid Selectmen's orders	7,805.21
School committee orders	3,987.81
Sate aid	368.00
Abatements	80.68
Cash in hands of Treasurer	9.10
	\$ 12,250.80

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. SMITH, TREASURER.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Paid Harry Bell,	1888	2.00
W. A. Dickenson	"	5.00
Henry A. Howard	"	15.83
Alvin Morley	"	3.90
Geo. Matterson	"	6.75
D. H. Brown	"	1.50
Wm. Martin	"	12.15
Geo. L. Pierce	"	8.70
Luke White	"	1.95
R. E. Martin	"	9.00
J. Coombs	"	18.00
H. S. Browning	"	3.00
F. L. Shearer	"	3.00
Chas. R. Snow	"	12.38
M. S. Harris	"	13.20
E. P. Booth	"	5.00
E. J. Davenport	"	.75
John Churchill	"	1.50
G. W. Stratton, fortifying,	1888	12.00
Geo. E. Southworth,	1889	8.25
Kendrick & Temple		26.80

Henry A. Scott	59.81
Thomas Smead	6.00
Frank Shearer	2.00
Kendrick & Temple	6.12
E. J. Davenport	10.91
T. R. Shearer, building new road	100.00
Thomas Smead " " "	150.00
J. B. Clark	47.10
Geo. H. Phillips	18.00
W. C. A. Smead	3.00
Warner Pratt	12.37
O. B. Kendrick	3.00
S. F. Upton	5.55
A. W. Hinsdale	4.50
J. W. Burrington	6.75
H. P. Carr & Son	7.94
O. H. Taylor	8.61
John E. Bowen	14.45
C. H. Vincent	13.72
J. C. F. Purrington, McClellan wash- out	17.94
J. C. F. Purrington	64.75
R. Cobb & Son	23.10
H. C. Cromack	7.35
W. C. H. Smead	1.25
Frank Dunnill	6.65
Mrs. Olive White	3.00
E. W. Stratton	21.65
C. W. Maxam	3.00
Dennis Galvin & Son	9.45

of D. M. Pierce for lumber	2.65
of Mrs. H. A. Smith, for books	2.00
L. H. Rogers	2.25
Arnold Hezig	4.80
F. W. Jeffords	6.75
H. F. Purrington	20.25
Merrifield Bros.	10.50
J. H. Robertson	3.15
R. E. Bloggett, building new road	200.10
R. E. Bloggett, repairing old road	12.20
C. D. Miner	5.10
Wm. Stewart	8.55
R. Cobb & Son	1.95
John Churchill	4.50
C. S. Cary	23.70
Maria L. Stewart	1.00
J. C. Thompson	14.10
C. W. Hillman	3.00
Geo. M. Tainter	16.95
Orson Call	4.50
Chas. Miner	6.00
T. D. Purrington	1.50
C. F. White	14.10
E. B. Smith	18.90
O. E. Miller	8.25
Geo. D. Stetson	21.90
Correll Davenport	5.02
T. R. Miller	27.95
Wm. H. Bardwell	12.00
J. J. Dwight	15.75

Wm. Martin	15.30
Frank Shearer	5.25
Abel Dutton	11.25
O. E. Vincent	9.15
H. A. Scott	12.00
Noyes & Miller	11.85
R. W. Stacy	10.65
Matthew Barber	5.80
Roberts & Brown	57.00
David Wilson	1.50
A. L. Burrington	3.00
C. L. Donelson	7.65
H. M. Petterson	6.90
Arad Nichols	5.75
J. W. Carpenter	6.00
C. B. Denison	23.25
A. P. Nelson	17.70
Chas. W. Smith	26.85
C. M. Fairbank's	19.00
D. M. Pierce	5.25
Frank Brown	2.25
Coombs Bros.	16.20
Erastus Green	2.00
S. B. Johnson	3.00
Joel King	1.50
Edgar Kendrick	11.05
Chas. Mitchell	19.25
S. N. Wilson	1.50
Roberts Bros.	75
Joel Cone	2.80

S. G. Davenport	1.30
Chas. Steel	14.90
Chas. Steel	1.05
C. R. Snow	6.45
F. L. Purrington	14.20
H. A. Howard	10.53
J. E. Davenport	8.75
Earl Shearer	13.00
J. B. Cromack	6.00
E. B. Stewart	9.90
Geo. R. Purrington	10.80
L. W. Babbett	1.50
E. F. Copeland	25.20
James H. Carr	2.25
R. J. Donelson	8.75
Milo A Thompson	13.50
Geo. R. Patterson	3.00
C. Simonds	6.85
J. L. Clark	3.45
Hugh W. Thompson	7.90
Samuel C. Avery	3.90
Eli Stone	2.00
Geo. Matterson	11.00
Carl Kehl	2.25
C. Lapier	2.40
Amos Stewart	25.25
J. A. Dwight	25.35
A. C. Smith & Son	10.00
Griswoldville Manufacturing Co.	90
Edgar Copeland	3.00

J. D. Miller	80
J. Milo Miller	10.57
A. A. Smith	6.75

Total	\$ 1,878.20
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BRIDGES.

Geo. Matterson, lumber	5.53
Albert Nelson, labor	2.00
Geo. E. Southworth, lumber	3.75
Nelson Purrington, lumber	19.20
Kendrick & Temple, lumber	17.59
Gris. Manufacturing Co., building bridge	75.00
J. C. F. Purrington, labor	2.50
Wm. Stewart, lumber	1.45
R. Cobb & Son, labor	71.6
C. S. Cary, lumber	1.00
Kendrick & Temple, lumber	57.33
Geo. J. Davenport, labor	6.00
E. B. Smith, labor	21.93
Wm. H. Bardwell, lumber	4.00
J. J. Dwight, lumber	1.00
E. S. Alexander, lumber	12.91
C. B. Denison, lumber	4.32
F. L. Purrington, lumber	.60
H. A. Howard, lumber	1.12
Earl Shearer	8.00
E. B. Stewart	4.26
D. L. Smith, Farley bridge	1.60

Amos Stewart, lumber	6.34
J. A. Dwight, lumber	6.50
Gris. Manufacturing Co.	5.39
Samuel Starkey, labor	16.50

Total	\$ 292.98
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RAILING.

Geo. Matterson	5.00
J. C. F. Purrington	13.98
R. Cobb & Son	8.05
Wm. Martin	2.00
H. A. Scott	12.50
C. R. Snow	1.20
H. A. Howard	1.20
E. B. Stewart	4.00
Gris. Manufacturing Co.	6.79

\$ 54.72

HIGHWAY DAMAGE.

C. M. Fairbank	10.00
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ABATEMENTS.

Mrs. C. L. Carpenter	4.59
Sundry abatements	76.09

Total	\$ 80.68
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SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid C. W. Shattuck, goods delivered to Mrs. Moses Purrington, on ac- count of Conway	12.90
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Paid Dennis Galvin, on account of Mc-	
Carty children, city of Boston	156.00
Paid Louisa Yaw, for support of Orrin	
Vincent	43.50
Geo. Thompson, support of Daniel	
Harwood	100.00
Anan Bass, support of Sybel Tisdale	80.00
Roberts & Brown, support of Arad	
Shearer	84.00
Roberts & Brown, keeping tramps	3.00
Geo. W. Miller, support of Arad	
Shearer	17.50
Arad Nichols, support of Sally Nichols	26.00
C. B. Jackson, wood delivered to Mc-	
Cland, 1887.	3.00
H. S. Swan, caskets	19.00
Wm. Smead, goods delivered to James	
Wallace, 1888	102.10
Wm. Smead, goods delivered to James	
Wallace	88.00
O. H. Lamb, medical attendance Arad	
Shearer	3.00
Total	\$ 906.56

INCIDENTALS.

Paid Henry A. Howard, schedules and tax	
book	2.50
J. L. Goldsmith, printing of reports,	
1888	20.00

J. D. Miller, insurance policy	17.50
Samuel Starkey Post, No. 20, G. A. R. for Memorial day	50.00
Geo. Kelley, painting hearse	10.00
C. N. Carpenter, repairing settees	6.00
E. J. Davenport, distributing ballots	1.50
B. H. Newell & Co., wire	3.08
Thomas & Hillman, nails	1.32
Roberts & Allard, iron work	6.96
H. A. Howard, assessor's book	3.00
H. A. Howard, ballot clerk	2.00
J. E. Davenport, ballot clerk	2.00
J. C. Thompson, ballot clerk	2.00
C. N. Carpenter, work on voting shelves	1.00
Geo. H. Carpenter, registrar	6.00
Geo. H. Carpenter, making returns	1.00
S. T. Field, counsel, 1888	5.00
E. A. Hall, printing notice	1.00
Geo. Tyler, repairs on road machine	14.60
O. H. Lamb, returning births	2.50
A. C. Smith, stationary, stamps, etc.	10.75
“ “ carrying votes to Charle- mont	3.00
A. C. Smith, recording births	12.00
“ “ “ deaths	7.70
“ “ “ marriages	3.00
“ “ “ services as registrar	3.00
H. A. Smith, on account of paupers	3.00

Griswold Manufacturing Co., nails	.21
J. D. Miller, stationary and postage	1.35

\$ 202.97

TOWN OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN.

Amos Stewart	40.00
Henry A. Smith	40.00
John A. Dwight	25.00

105.00

ASSESSORS.

Henry A. Howard	42.50
J. E. Davenport	40.00
J. D. Miller	30.00

\$ 112.50

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

O. B. Curtis, 1888	2.50
Arthur A. Smith	70.00
J. Milo Miller	30.00
Mrs. Henry A. Smith	32.50
Mrs. Henry A. Smith, supply agent	24.00

158.00

TREASURER.

A. C. Smith	50.00
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COLLECTOR.

A. C. Smith	40.00
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HEARSEMEN.

H. A. Smith	40.00
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CONSTABLE.

C. N. Carpenter	5.00
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SEXTONS.

Noyes & Miller	16.00
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F. W. Purrington	18.00
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\$ 34.00

INTEREST, ETC.

Paid interest on town debt	396.04
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Principal town debt	2,000.00
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State tax	580.00
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County tax	938.24
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State aid	368.00
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School committee orders	3,987.81
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RECAPITULATION.

Paid for highway	1,878.20
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“ bridges	292.98
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“ railing	54.72
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“ highway damages	10.00
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“ abatements	80.68
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" support of poor	906.56
" interest	396.04
" principal	2,000.00
" county tax	938.24
" State tax	580.00
" state aid	368.00
" incidentals	202.97
" town officers	545.50
" school committe orders	3,987.81
	\$12,241.70

SUMMARY.

Receipts		12,250.80
Disbursements	12,241.70	
Cash in treasury	9.10	
Total	12,250.80	
Town debt		6,900

RESOURCES.

Cash in treasury	9.10
On tax, 1886	8.00
On tax, 1887	6.00
On tax, 1888	61.77
On tax, 1889	2,492.48
Due from state on account paupers	
1888	45.00
Due from state on account paupers	
1889	33.93

Due from state on account state aid 278.00

2,934.28

Balance against the town above re-
sources

3,965.72

All of which is respectfully submitted,

AMOS STEWART, } Selectmen
HENRY A. SMITH, } of
JOHN A. DWIGHT, } Colrain.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

To the Voters of Colrain:

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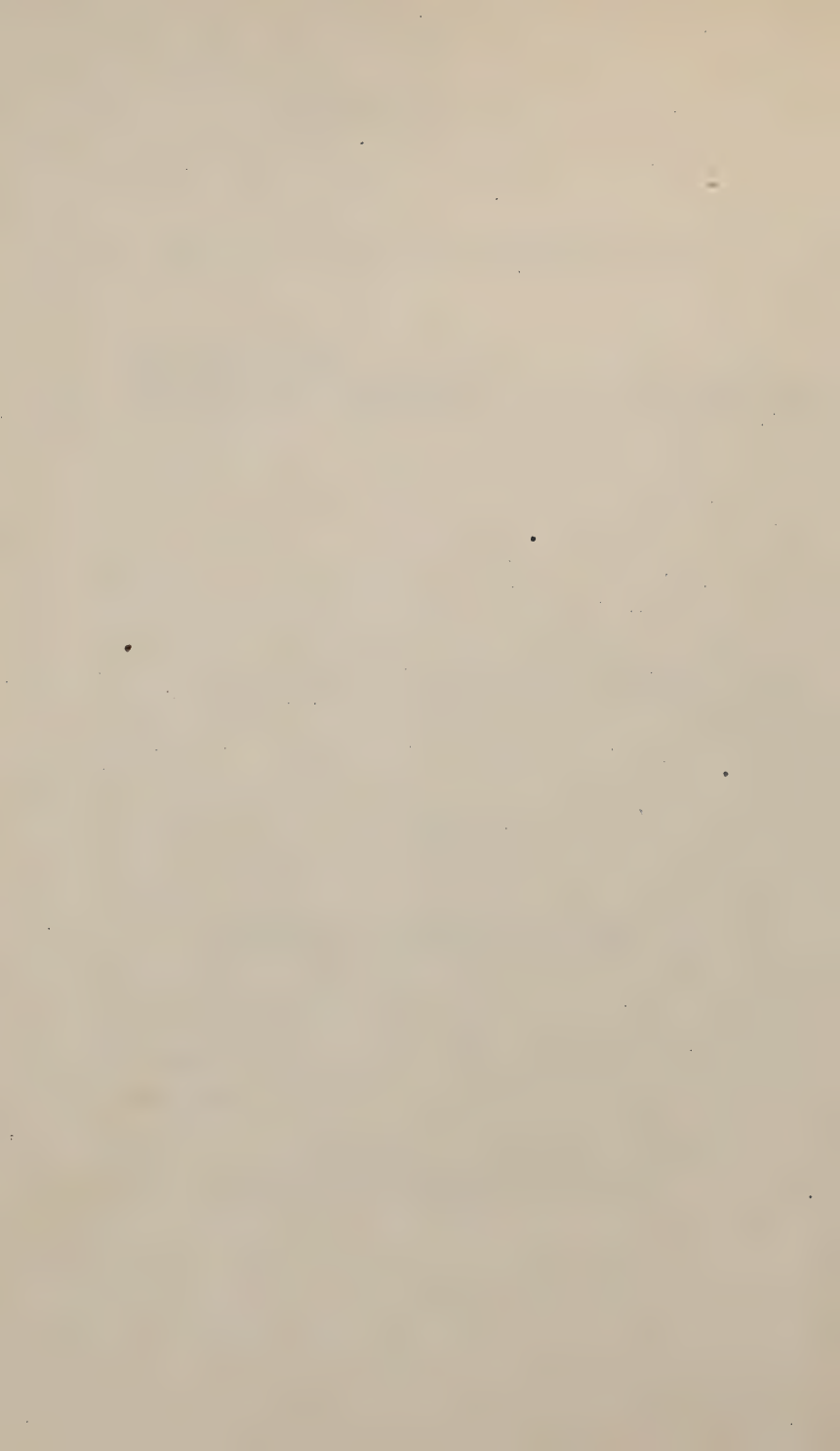
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City	3	30	40	29.3	26.5
Christian Hill	3	25.6	32	26.17	23.38
Elm Grove	2	20	13	12.7	11.1
Foundry Inter.	3	30	40	27.5	25.
“ “ Pri.	3	30	36	26.3	24.4
Griswoldville Inter.	3	30	29	23.5	20.8
“ “ • Pri.	3	30	36	30.9	28.9
Miller	3	30	17	13.52	11.86
Shattuckville	3	30	54	40.	34.
South	3	30	8	6.	5.08
Spurr	3	30	17	10.	9.4
Wilson Hill	3	30	27	16.	14.1
Four Corners	2	22	10	7.07	6.09

FINANCES.

Appropriation of town	2,400.00
Appropriation for supplies	200.00
Appropriation for repairs	450.00
Appropriation for repairing Elm Grove school house	300.00
School fund	215.01
Quintis Allen fund	160.15
Dog fund due from county	40.09
Due from L. A. Brigham, on Elm Grove school house	10.00
Received from sale of books	2.00

 \$3,777.25

SUNDRIES.

Wood bills	146.46
Cleaning school buildings	26.90
Building fires, and care of school rooms	17.85
Freight	11.53
School furniture	207.09
Taking census of school children	6.00
Employment tickets, and age and schooling certificates	8.00
Repairs of school houses	968.32
Repairs at Griswoldville school house	463.72
Repairs at Elm Grove school house	360.57
Repairs at other school houses	144.03
Bills of previous years	5.35
Transporting scholars	22.50

Binding and printing order books	4.00
	\$1,424.00

PAID TEACHERS.

Edith E. Stewart	127.50
Mary L. Graves	47.50
Mina L. Hillman	141.65
Hattie M. Smead	95.00
Lena S. Donelson	40.00
Grace M. Clark	92.50
Ella N. Gilchrest	95.50
Nina J. Copeland	45.00
Grace A. Miller	47.50
Addie E. White	150.00
Lucy R. Smith	180.00
Clara F. Davenport	180.00
Maria H. Tanner	65.00
Cora A. White	100.00
Katie M. Smith	50.00
Alice C. Mather	45.00
Florence P. Donelson	105.00
Emily Stacey	95.00
Clarence Donelson	135.00
Lou Goodnow	50.00
Jennie R. Fairbanks	55.00
Lizzie E. Stratton	50.00
Mattie M. Brown	60.00
Lura N. Donelson	97.50
Grace P. Miller	90.00
Sadie A. Thompson	100.00

Marion A. Purrington	122.50
Flora L. Sturtevant	45.00
	\$2,507.15

SCHOOL SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

Supplies on hand Feb. 16, 1889	\$110.15
Amount purchased during the year	
1889 and 1890	229.97
	\$340.12

SUPPLIED SCHOOLS.

Adamsville	\$8.30
Brick	11.45
Bardwell	3.47
Churchill	5.67
Christian Hill	7.71
City	28.17
Elm Grove	8.09
Foundry Intermediate	19.28
Foundry Primary	8.36
Griswoldville Intermediate	22.72
Griswoldville Primary	16.91
Miller	16.09
Shattuckville	24.60
South	4.42
Spurr	4.68
Wilson Hill	8.96
Four Corners	5.74
	\$ 204.62

***SUPPLIED SCHOOLS IN GENERAL.**

Three complete charts	45.00	
Brooms, pails, dust-pans, shovels, etc	9.96	
Labels	1.19	
		56.15
Paid to treasurer		2.00
		58.15
Amount supplied the schools	204.62	
Supplies on hand, Feb. 18th, 1890	77.35	
		281.97
		340.12

RECAPITULATION.

Paid teachers	2,507.15	
Sundries	1,424.00	
Amount of school supplies purchased	229.97	
Sum total		4,161.12
School orders drawn		4,161.12

MISCELLANEOUS.

Number of schools in town	17
Number of pupils between 8 and 14	232
Number of pupils between 5 and 15 according to census	358
Whole number attending school	415
Average membership	314.8

Average attendance	263
Number over 15 years	33
Number under 5 years	8
Whole number of month's school	121.9
Number of male teachers	1
Number of female teachers	27
Average wages of male teachers per month	\$ 27
Average wages of female teachers per month	20.36

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A. A. SMITH,	} School Com-
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A. C. SMITH, Treasurer.

DR.

To cash in hands, Feb. 20th, 1889	\$ 1,251.45
Received of Griswoldville Manufacturing Co.	5.62
of F. L. Davenport for plank	10.06
of Balance corporation tax	4.38
of County Treasurer, dog fund	61.05
of town of Conway on account of poor	36.13
of S. C. Lincoln, license	6.00
Levi Davenport fund	155.00
of O. H. Lamb for plank	.62
of State, corporation tax	134.66
State aid, chap, 252	112.00
State aid, chap 301	144.00
National Bank tax	151.57
for use of derrick	10.00
Massachuseet School fund	215.01
of Thomas & Hillman for plank	2.08

Discount on interest	.85
of Quintis Allen fund	160.15
of City of Boston on account of Mc-	.
Carty children	156.00
on account of F. W. Purrington, lumber	5.37
on account of tax, 1886	4.00
on account of tax, 1887	50.42
on account of tax, 1888	1,111.14
on account of tax, 1889	8,462.59
	\$12,250.80

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Paid Selectmen's orders	7,805.21
School committee orders	3,987.81
Sate aid	368.00
Abatements	80.68
Cash in hands of Treasurer	9.10
	\$ 12,250.80

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. SMITH, TREASURER.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Paid Harry Bell,	1888	2.00
W. A. Dickenson	"	5.00
Henry A. Howard	"	15.83
Alvin Morley	"	3.90
Geo. Matterson	"	6.75
D. H. Brown	"	1.50
Wm. Martin	"	12.15
Geo. L. Pierce	"	8.70
Luke White	"	1.95
R. F. Martin	"	9.00
J. Coombs	"	18.00
H. S. Browning	"	3.00
F. L. Shearer	"	3.00
Chas. R. Snow	"	12.38
M. S. Harris	"	13.20
E. P. Booth	"	5.00
E. J. Davenport	"	.75
John Churchill	"	1.50
G. W. Stratton, fortifying, 1888		12.00
Geo. E. Southworth, 1889		8.25
Kendrick & Temple		26.80

Henry A. Scott	59.81
Thomas Smead	6.00
Frank Shearer	2.00
Kendrick & Temple	6.12
E. J. Davenport	10.91
T. R. Shearer, building new road	100.00
Thomas Smead " " "	150.00
J. B. Clark	47.10
Geo. H. Phillips	18.00
W. C. A. Smead	3.00
Warner Pratt	12.37
O. B. Kendrick	3.00
S. F. Upton	5.55
A. W. Hinsdale	4.50
J. W. Burrington	6.75
H. P. Carr & Son	7.94
O. H. Taylor	8.61
John E. Bowen	14.45
C. H. Vincent	13.72
J. C. F. Purrington, McClellan wash- out	17.94
J. C. F. Purrington	64.75
R. Cobb & Son	23.10
H. C. Cromack	7.35
W. C. H. Smead	1.25
Frank Dunnill	6.65
Mrs. Olive White	3.00
E. W. Stratton	21.65
C. W. Maxam	3.00
Dennis Galvin & Son	9.45

of D. M. Pierce for lumber	2.65
of Mrs. H. A. Smith, for books	2.00
L. H. Rogers	2.25
Arnold Hezig	4.80
F. W. Jeffords	6.75
H. F. Purrington	20.25
Merrifield Bros.	10.50
J. H. Robertson	3.15
R. E. Bloggett, building new road	200.10
R. E. Bloggett, repairing old road	12.20
C. D. Miner	5.10
Wm. Stewart	8.55
R. Cobb & Son	1.95
John Churchill	4.50
C. S. Cary	23.70
Maria L. Stewart	1.00
J. C. Thompson	14.10
C. W. Hillman	3.00
Geo. M. Tainter	16.95
Orson Call	4.50
Chas. Miner	6.00
T. D. Purrington	1.50
C. F. White	14.10
E. B. Smith	18.90
O. E. Miller	8.25
Geo. D. Stetson	21.90
Correll Davenport	5.02
T. R. Miller	27.95
Wm. H. Bardwell	12.00
J. J. Dwight	15.75

Wm. Martin	15.30
Frank Shearer	5.25
Abel Dutton	11.25
O. E. Vincent	9.15
H. A. Scott	12.00
Noyes & Miller	11.85
R. W. Stacy	10.65
Matthew Barber	5.80
Roberts & Brown	57.00
David Wilson	1.50
A. L. Burrington	3.00
C. L. Donelson	7.65
H. M. Petterson	6.90
Arad Nichols	5.75
J. W. Carpenter	6.00
C. B. Denison	23.25
A. P. Nelson	17.70
Chas. W. Smith	26.85
C. M. Fairbanks	19.00
D. M. Pierce	5.25
Frank Brown	2.25
Coombs Bros.	16.20
Erastus Green	2.00
S. B. Johnson	3.00
Joel King	1.50
Edgar Kendrick	11.05
Chas. Mitchell	19.25
S. N. Wilson	1.50
Roberts Bros.	75
Joel Cone	2.80

S. G. Davenport	1.30
Chas. Steel	14.90
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C. R. Snow	6.45
F. L. Purrington	14.20
H. A. Howard	10.53
J. E. Davenport	8.75
Earl Shearer	13.00
J. B. Cromack	6.00
E. B. Stewart	9.90
Geo. R. Purrington	10.80
L. W. Babbett	1.50
E. F. Copeland	25.20
James H. Carr	2.25
R. J. Donelson	8.75
Milo A Thompson	13.50
Geo. R. Patterson	3.00
C. Simonds	6.85
J. L. Clark	3.45
Hugh W. Thompson	7.90
Samuel C. Avery	3.90
Eli Stone	2.00
Geo. Matterson	11.00
Carl Kehl	2.25
C. Lapier	2.40
Amos Stewart	25.25
J. A. Dwight	25.35
A. C. Smith & Son	10.00
Griswoldville Manufacturing Co.	90
Edgar Copeland	3.00

J. D. Miller	80
J. Milo Miller	10.57
A. A. Smith	6.75
Total	\$ 1,878.20

BRIDGES.

Geo. Matterson, lumber	5.53
Albert Nelson, labor	2.00
Geo. E. Southworth, lumber	3.75
Nelson Purrington, lumber	19.20
Kendrick & Temple, lumber	17.59
Gris. Manufacturing Co., building bridge	75.00
J. C. F. Purrington, labor	2.50
Wm. Stewart, lumber	1.45
R. Cobb & Son, labor	71.6
C. S. Cary, lumber	1.00
Kendrick & Temple, lumber	57.33
Geo. J. Davenport, labor	6.00
E. B. Smith, labor	21.93
Wm. H. Bardwell, lumber	4.00
J. J. Dwight, lumber	1.00
E. S. Alexander, lumber	12.91
C. B. Denison, lumber	4.32
F. L. Purrington, lumber	.60
H. A. Howard, lumber	1.12
Earl Shearer	8.00
E. B. Stewart	4.26
D. L. Smith, Farley bridge	1.60

Amos Stewart, lumber	6.34
J. A. Dwight, lumber	6.50
Gris. Manufacturing Co.	5.39
Samuel Starkey, labor	16.50

Total	\$ 292.98
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RAILING.

Geo. Matterson	5.00
J. C. F. Purrington	13.98
R. Cobb & Son	8.05
Wm. Martin	2.00
H. A. Scott	12.50
C. R. Snow	1.20
H. A. Howard	1.20
E. B. Stewart	4.00
Gris. Manufacturing Co.	6.79

\$ 54.72

HIGHWAY DAMAGE.

C. M. Fairbank	10.00
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ABATEMENTS.

Mrs. C. L. Carpenter	4.59
Sundry abatements	76.09

Total	\$ 80.68
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SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid C. W. Shattuck, goods delivered to Mrs. Moses Purrington, on ac- count of Conway	12.90
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Paid Dennis Galvin, on account of Mc-	
Carty children, city of Boston	156.00
Paid Louisa Yaw, for support of Orrin	
Vincent	43.50
Geo. Thompson, support of Daniel	
Harwood	100.00
Anan Bass, support of Sybel Tisdale	80.00
Roberts & Brown, support of Arod	
Shearer	84.00
Roberts & Brown, keeping tramps	3.00
Geo. W. Miller, support of Arad	
Shearer	17.50
Arad Nichols, support of Sally Nichols	26.00
C. B. Jackson, wood delivered to Mc-	
Cland, 1887.	3.00
H. S. Swan, caskets	19.00
Wm. Smead, goods delivered to James	
Wallace, 1888	102.10
Wm. Smead, goods delivered to James	
Wallace	88.00
O. H. Lamb, medical attendance Arad	
Shearer	3.00
Total	\$ 906.56

INCIDENTALS.

Paid Henry A. Howard, schedules and tax	
book	2.50
J. L. Goldsmith, printing of reports,	
1888	20.00

J. D. Miller, insurance policy	17.50
Samuel Starkey Post, No. 20, G. A. R.	
for Memorial day	50.00
Geo. Kelley, painting hearse	10.00
C. N. Carpenter, repairing settees	6.00
E. J. Davenport, distributing ballots	1.50
B. H. Newell & Co., wire	3.08
Thomas & Hillman, nails	1.32
Roberts & Allard, iron work	6.96
H. A. Howard, assessor's book	3.00
H. A. Howard, ballot clerk	2.00
J. E. Davenport, ballot clerk	2.00
J. C. Thompson, ballot clerk	2.00
C. N. Carpenter, work on voting shelves	1.00
Geo. H. Carpenter, registrar	6.00
Geo. H. Carpenter, making returns	1.00
S. T. Field, counsel, 1888	5.00
E. A. Hall, printing notice	1.00
Geo. Tyler, repairs on road machine	14.60
O. H. Lamb, returning births	2.50
A. C. Smith, stationary, stamps, etc.	10.75
" " carrying votes to Charle- mont	3.00
A. C. Smith, recording births	12.00
" " " deaths	7.70
" " " marriages	3.00
" " " services as registrar	3.00
H. A. Smith, on account of paupers	3.00

Griswold Manufacturing Co., nails	.21
J. D. Miller, stationary and postage	1.35
	\$ 202.97

TOWN OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN.

Amos Stewart	40.00
Henry A. Smith	40.00
John A. Dwight	25.00
	105.00

ASSESSORS.

Henry A. Howard	42.50
J. E. Davenport	40.00
J. D. Miller	30.00
	\$ 112.50

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

O. B. Curtis, 1888	2.50
Arthur A. Smith	70.00
J. Milo Miller	30.00
Mrs. Henry A. Smith	32.50
Mrs. Henry A. Smith, supply agent	24.00
	158.00

TREASURER.

A. C. Smith	50.00
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COLLECTOR.

A. C. Smith	40.00
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HEARSEMEN.

H. A. Smith	40.00
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CONSTABLE.

C. N. Carpenter	5.00
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SEXTONS.

Noyes & Miller	16.00
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F. W. Purrington	18.00
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	\$ 34.00
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INTEREST, ETC.

Paid interest on town debt	396.04
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Principal town debt	2,000.00
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State tax	580.00
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County tax	938.24
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State aid	368.00
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School committee orders	3,987.81
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RECAPITULATION.

Paid for highway	1,878.20
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“ bridges	292.98
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“ railing	54.72
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“ highway damages	10.00
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SUMMARY.

Receipts		12,250.80
Disbursements	12,241.70	
Cash in treasury	9.10	
Total	12,250.80	
Town debt		6,900

RESOURCES.

Cash in treasury	9.10
On tax, 1886	8.00
On tax, 1887	6.00
On tax, 1888	61.77
On tax, 1889	2,492.48
Due from state on account paupers	
1888	45.00
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1889	33.93

Due from state on account state aid 278.00

2,934.28

Balance against the town above re-
sources

3,965.72

All of which is respectfully submitted,

AMOS STEWART,	} Selectmen of Colrain.
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Bardwell	3.....	30.....	8.....	6.77	6.42
Churchill	3.....	30.....	12.....	10.72	9.
City	3.....	30.....	40.....	29.3	26.5
Christian Hill	3.....	25.6	32.....	26.17	23.38
Elm Grove	2.....	20.....	13.....	12.7	11.1
Foundry Inter.	3.....	30.....	40.....	27.5	25.
“ “ Pri.	3.....	30.....	36.....	26.3	24.4
Griswoldville Inter.	3.....	30.....	29.....	23.5	20.8
“ “ Pri.	3.....	30.....	36.....	30.9	28.9
Miller	3.....	30.....	17.....	13.52	11.86
Shattuckville	3.....	30.....	54.....	40.	34.
South	3.....	30.....	8.....	6.	5.08
Spurr	3.....	30.....	17.....	10.	9.4
Wilson Hill	3.....	30.....	27.....	16.	14.1
Four Corners	2.....	22.....	10.....	7.07	6.09

FINANCES.

Appropriation of town	2,400.00
Appropriation for supplies	200.00
Appropriation for repairs	450.00
Appropriation for repairing Elm Grove school house	300.00
School fund	215.01
Quintis Allen fund	160.15
Dog fund due from county	40.09
Due from L. A. Brigham, on Elm Grove school house	10.00
Received from sale of books	2.00

 \$3,777.25

SUNDRIES.

Wood bills	146.46
Cleaning school buildings	26.90
Building fires, and care of school rooms	17.85
Freight	11.53
School furniture	207.09
Taking census of school children	6.00
Employment tickets, and age and schooling certificates	8.00
Repairs of school houses	968.32
Repairs at Griswoldville school house	463.72
Repairs at Elm Grove school house	360.57
Repairs at other school houses	144.03
Bills of previous years	5.35
Transporting scholars	22.50

Binding and printing order books	4.00
	\$1,424.00

PAID TEACHERS.

Edith E. Stewart	127.50
Mary L. Graves	47.50
Mina L. Hillman	141.65
Hattie M. Smead	95.00
Lena S. Donelson	40.00
Grace M. Clark	92.50
Ella N. Gilchrest	95.50
Nina J. Copeland	45.00
Grace A. Miller	47.50
Addie E. White	150.00
Lucy R. Smith	180.00
Clara F. Davenport	180.00
Maria H. Tanner	65.00
Cora A. White	100.00
Katie M. Smith	50.00
Alice C. Mather	45.00
Florence P. Donelson	105.00
Emily Stacey	95.00
Clarence Donelson	135.00
Lou Goodnow	50.00
Jennie R. Fairbanks	55.00
Lizzie E. Stratton	50.00
Mattie M. Brown	60.00
Lura N. Donelson	97.50
Grace P. Miller	90.00
Sadie A. Thompson	100.00

Marion A. Purrington	122.50
Flora L. Sturtevant	45.00
	\$2,507.15

SCHOOL SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

Supplies on hand Feb. 16, 1889	\$110.15
Amount purchased during the year	
1889 and 1890	229.97
	\$340.12

SUPPLIED SCHOOLS.

Adamsville	\$8.30
Brick	11.45
Bardwell	3.47
Churchill	5.67
Christian Hill	7.71
City	28.17
Elm Grove	8.09
Foundry Intermediate	19.28
Foundry Primary	8.36
Griswoldville Intermediate	22.72
Griswoldville Primary	16.91
Miller	16.09
Shattuckville	24.60
South	4.42
Spurr	4.68
Wilson Hill	8.96
Four Corners	5.74
	\$ 204.62

SUPPLIED SCHOOLS IN GENERAL.

Three complete charts	45.00	
Brooms, pails, dust-pans, shovels, etc	9.96	
Labels	1.19	
		56.15
Paid to treasurer		2.00
		58.15
Amount supplied the schools	204.62	
Supplies on hand, Feb. 18th, 1890	77.35	
		281.97
		340.12

RECAPITULATION.

Paid teachers	2,507.15	
Sundries	1,424.00	
Amount of school supplies purchased	229.97	
Sum total		4,161.12
School orders drawn		4,161.12

MISCELLANEOUS.

Number of schools in town	17
Number of pupils between 8 and 14	232
Number of pupils between 5 and 15	
according to census	358
Whole number attending school	415
Average membership	314.8

Average attendance	263
Number over 15 years	33
Number under 5 years	8
Whole number of month's school	121.9
Number of male teachers	1
Number of female teachers	27
Average wages of male teachers per month	\$ 27
Average wages of female teachers per month	20.36

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. SMITH,	} School Com- mittee of Colrain.
J. MILO MILLEN,	
MRS. HENRY A. SMITH,	

Feb. 18th, 1890.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of the town have, this 13th day of February, 1891, settled with the Treasurer of the town and find his accounts with the town to be as follows:

A. C. SMITH, Treasurer,

DR.

Cash in hands of Treasurer Feb. 18th,

1890,	\$9 10
Dog fund 1889,	40 09
Peddlers License, Samuel Lincoln,	6 00
of Commonwealth burial state Paupers,	15 00
Levi Davenport Fund,	50 00
J. H. Curtis, Lumber,	8 00
E. C. Harris,	58 51
Corporation tax,	113 20
National Bank tax,	110 40
State aid, chapter 279, acts 1889,	120 00
“ “ 301 “ “	124 00
City of Boston, account of McCarty children,	156 00
Mass., school fund,	219 93

Dog fund, 1890,	44 45
for file, Mrs. Geo. Russell,	2 85
Quintus Allen fund,	172 45
Rec'd for Advertising,	2 73
on tax 1886,	2 00
“ 1887,	6 00
“ 1888,	61 77
“ 1889,	2 392 29
“ 1890,	10 588 72
	—————\$14 303 49

CR.

By Paid School orders,	\$3476 79
State Aid,	440 00
Selectmen's Orders,	8186 54
Abatements,	107 39
Balance in hand of treasurer,	2092 77
	—————\$14 303 49

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

HIGHWAY.

Henry J. Smith,		\$4 50
Henry J. Smith, for fortifying McClellan road, 1889,		25 25
N. F. Shippee,	1889,	3 60
H. S. Browning,		11 21
W. J. Purington,		18 21
J. E. Davenport,		2 25
Mrs. J. J. Walden,		6 75
Nelson Walden,		2 85
Joseph Lively,		3 75
A. B. Nelson,		10 75
Mrs. J. J. Walden,	1890,	1 86
R. C. Porter,		2 70
Irving Call,		2 40
M. M. Johnson,		7 94
Wayne Hillman,		18 00
J. Coombs & Son,		26 25
C. P. Thayer,		4 86
E. P. Booth,		6 00
Eli Pike,		11 50

D. W. Nelson,	\$4 80
Luke White,	1 50
D. H. Brown,	1 20
John Sturtevant,	3 75
M. S. Harris,	10 50
J. P. Bell,	1 50
H. Kemp & Son,	19 50
Frank Thompson,	3 00
Fred Thompson,	28 80
Levi Coats,	3 00
Alvin Manley,	9 10
Daniel Cary,	7 13
Fred Rehl,	3 00
A. Tatro,	5 00
C. W. McGee,	1 00
H. M. Underwood,	90
C. Webster Smith,	2 25
Elias Bardwell,	3 90
Warren Carpenter,	4 50
Roberts & Brown,	30 00
Harry Bell,	12 c2
Chester Smith,	10 35
John Gilchrist,	3 80
Chas. Shearer,	11 80
Nelson Joy,	5 55
Warner Pratt,	11 25
F. L. Shearer,	2 25
H. C. & C. H. Cromack,	9 60
G. H. Phillips,	14 40

John E. Bowen,	11 40
S. F. Upton,	12 90
Frank Dunnells,	7 95
Oliver Taylor,	21 50
W. J. Burington,	6 75
James Carr,	7 50
Luke White,	1 50
H. M. Underwood,	2 25
Mrs. Olive White,	1 50
John E. Davenport, building new road.	35 00
Geo. Pierce,	1 12
O. B. Kendrick,	1 20
Geo. Matterson,	3 57
Fremont Purington,	123 70
Chas. Harris,	9 34
Chas. White,	7 50
Fred Rehl, fortifying city bridge,	4 50
Joseph Lively,	4 50
Henry A. Scott,	30 53
J. J. Dwight,	22 95
J. C. VanVaulkingburg,	1 50
Corril Davenport,	7 80
Edgar Kendrick,	6 60
J. P. Sturtevant,	10 05
E. R. Cobb,	34 50
E. C. Harris,	5 70
S. C. Avery.	11 00
Purington Bros.,	10 80

James Galvin,	10 05
F. W. Jeffords,	3 00
Chas. W. Hillman,	2 25
C. S. Cary,	16 35
R. W. Stacy,	5 55
R. C. Porter,	6 00
H. M. Peterson,	20 70
J. W. Carpenter,	14 10
John Churchill,	3 00
John Dunnells,	2 70
Roberts & Brown,	74 59
Robert & Brown, fortifying city bridge,	34 00
J. A. Dwight,	9 60
Chas. Maxam,	3 90
Milo Thompson,	13 50
M. M. Johnson,	17 36
Frank Dunnells,	3 60
S. N. Wilson,	3 75
C. Simons,	10 43
Wm. Martin,	11 38
E. B. Stewart,	6 00
Geo. D. Stetson,	12 75
Amos Stewart,	16 20
Amos Stewart, cutting ice, Green river,	5 00
J. C. VanVaulkingburg,	6 00
Wm. Bardwell,	14 95
E. F. Copeland,	19 10
Nelson Purington,	3 90
M. S. Harris,	8 78

J. E. Davenport,	6 30
Merrifield Bros,	11 70
Griswoldville Mfg. Co.,	57
C. P. Thayer,	6 30
Orson Call,	6 00
F. M. Thompson,	11 25
O. E. Vincent,	6 75
D. W. Nelson, cutting ice, Green river,	6 75
C. H. Steel.	4 00
C. M. Fairbanks,	12 00
E. D. Alexander,	4 40
J. C. Thompson,	12 23
E. S. Alexander,	1 50
J. C. Thompson, fortifying city bridge,	0 75
J. C. Thompson, fortifying foundry bridge,	1 95
W. A. Dickenson,	3 50
Elisha Pike & Son,	4 50
Earl Shearer,	15 95
John M. Shearer,	10 13
John M. Shearer, cutting ice, Green river,	2 25
Wayne Hillman,	29 25
M. L. Cook,	2 25
Webster Smith,	4 50
H. S. Browning,	15 20
H. S. Browning, cutting ice, Green river,	2 50
Frank Purington,	10 15
E. B. Smith,	9 00
Geo. Tainter,	13 35
Daniel Cary,	3 00

Arnold Herzig,	6 75
C. H. Vincent,	6 75
Erastus Green,	4 00
M. O. Nichols,	4 20
C. D. Miner,	5 25
L. W. Babbett,	7 35
C. B. Denison,	21 70
C. B. Denison, cutting ice, Green river,	7 50
D H. Brown,	1 50
R. E. Martin,	4 50
Wm. Stewart,	4 50
Wm. Stewart, cutting ice, Green river	1 00
W. E. Southworth,	75
W. E. Southworth, cutting ice, Green river,	1 00
Mrs. S. E. Conant & Son,	13 20
N. F. Shippee,	5 25
F. L. Brown,	1 50
T. R. Miller,	20 03
O. E. Miller,	4 20
Geo. Nelson,	7 05
Mathew Barber,	4 50
C. L. Donelson,	7 00
H. W. Thompson,	3 75
John E. Davenport,	1 50
H. A. Howard,	4 35
F. W. Purington,	3 86
J. Milo Miller,	3 60
Melvin Crosier,	4 12
Wm. Sesler.	3 75

Arad Nichols,	\$2 85
A. Tatro,	3 00
J. B. Clark,	13 60
J. B. Clark,	11 25
E. P. Booth.	7 50
Clarance McGee,	1 00
J. B. Cromack,	1 42
Geo. Patterson,	10 50
C. R. Snow,	6 90
R. J. Donelson,	3 50
D. M. Pierce,	3 60
Wm. Apt,	1 50
A. P. Nelson,	17 20
Chas. Smith,	8 70
J. Coombs & Sons,	6 00
J. P. Bell,	1 50
Geo. Pierce,	12 30
Geo. J. Davenport,	9 95
Roberts Bros.,	5 00
E. & R. Coombs,	15 00
Joel Cone,	4 50
Irving Call,	2 25
H. F. Purington,	18 00
A. W. Hinsdale,	1 50
Noyes & Miller,	4 75
A. C. Smith & Son, fortifying city bridge,	7 50
A. C. Smith & Son, fortifying foundry bridge,	1 16
A. C. Smith,	2 25
Geo. Purington,	24 50

D. F. Thompson,	\$1 50
Chester W. Smith,	22 72
O. D. Kemp,	1 50
S. W. Wheeler,	3 75
H. Kemp & Son,	14 50
H. Kemp & Son, cutting ice, Green river,	2 25
Total,	\$1 802 82

BRIDGE.

Elijah Smith, lumber,	\$1 00
C. B. Denison, lumber,	2 00
M. M. Johnson, labor,	16 50
D. W. Nelson, lumber,	3 50
F. W. Conant,	1 00
Frank Thompson,	1 25
Kendrick & Temple, lumber,	55 99
Kendrick & Temple, lumber,	38 46
C. N. Carpenter, shingling bridge,	20 00
C. N. Carpenter, labor,	7 28
Kendrick & Temple, lumber,	45 38
Warner Pratt, labor and lumber,	2 05
Kendrick & Temple, lumber,	32 49
Kendrick & Temple, lumber,	48 05
Geo. H. Phillips, lumber,	1 28
Frank Dunnells, lumber,	1 50
C. Lapier, lumber,	72
Geo. Pierce, labor,	4 88
Fremont Purington,	14 05
T. R. Miller, building bridge,	50 00
Chas. White, labor,	16 50

Chas. White, lumber,	2 25
Henry A. Scott, labor,	7 07
J. J. Dwight, labor,	3 80
Cornel Davenport, labor,	1 00
J. P. Sturtevant,	2 25
E. R. Cobb,	3 98
S. G. Davenport, labor,	1 50
Chas. W. Hillman, labor,	1 65
Henry J. Smith, labor,	13 25
Roberts & Brown, labor,	9 00
J. A. Dwight, labor,	2 30
Amos Stewart, lumber,	6 60
Nelson Purington, lumber,	7 00
Merrifield Bros,	1 80
Griswoldville Mfg. Co.	1 91
D. W. Nelson, lumber,	2 94
E. S. Alexander, lumber,	17 59
J. C. Thompson, lumber,	5 00
W. A. Dickenson, labor,	3 00
Earl Shearer, lumber,	2 20
Daniel Cary, lumber,	3 30
L. B. Moor, shingling bridge,	20 00
Geo. Nelson, lumber,	60
F. W. Purington,	1 20
J. L. Clark, shingle for bridge,	28 60
J. Milo Miller,	1 50
J. B. Clark,	1 77
J. B. Clark,	3 73
Chas. Smith,	50

Geo. J. Davenport,	\$ 30	
H. F. Purington,	2 50	
A. C. Smith & Son, labor,	7 28	
Geo. Purington, labor	7 40	
O. D. Kemp, labor,	1 00	
Total,		\$539 65

RAILING.

H. S. Browning,	\$2 05	
A. B. Nelson,	3 96	
Fremont Purington,	12 94	
Chas. White,	1 12	
E. R. Cobb,	10 59	
Henry J. Smith,	33 67	
Roberts & Brown,	2 00	
Merrifield Bros,	4 11	
Griswoldville Mfg, Co.,	16 99	
F. R. Miller,	1 88	
Total,		\$89 31

ABATEMENTS.

Morris Frary,	\$1 08	
Nelson Lamorie,	45	
N. F. Shippee,	6 86	
Sundry abatements,	99 00	
Total,		\$107 39

POOR.

O. H. Lamb, medical attendance. Geo. Cook,	\$3 50
O. H. Lamb, medical attendance Frank Hall,	4 50
F. B. McLane, keeping tramp,	75
J. W. Cram, medical attendance, J. Charter,	18 75
J. W. Cram, medical attendance Daniel Harwood,	3 00
Town of Greenfield, clothing, J. Wallace,	8 00
Roberts & Brown, keeping tramps,	3 00
H. S. Swan, caskets,	16 00
Thomas & Hillman, on account of David Davenport,	5 58
F. J. Canady, medical attendance, Truman Davenport.	20 00
Wm. Smead, on account of Jas. Wallace,	114 00
Northampton Hospital on act Rachel Jef- fords,	169 46
Northampton Hospital on act Clinton Miner,	58 51
Roberts & Brown, on act. Arad Shearer,	156 00
Dennis Galvin, on act. McCarty children,	156 00
Arad Nichols, on act. Sally Nichols,	104 00
Anon Bass, on act. Sybel Tisdale,	42 50
Geo Thompson, on act. Daniel Harwood,	127 50
Total,	————— \$1011 05

INCIDENTALS.

Geo. Kelley, work on town hall,	\$3 00
E. M. Frary, mortar, town hall,	1 50
T. R. Miller, powder and nails,	2 62
Geo. H. Carpenter, Register.	5 00
Geo. H. Carpenter, making returns,	1 00
Henry A. Howard. collectors book etc.,	4 00
Henry A. Howard, stationery and stamps,	42
Henry A. Howard, election officer,	2 00
J. B. Clark, freighting tile,	1 68
J. Coombs & Sons, tile,	3 60
L. W. Rice, binding, records,	7 50
Thomas & Hillman, paint town hall,	5 70
Thomas & Hillman, nails, etc.,	8 07
C. A. Marcy, grate for culvert,	10 00
A. C. Smith, express,	5 45
stationery and stamps,	3 00
tax book, bills etc.,	3 50
carry vote to Charlemont,	3 00
advertising collector's notice	1 50
recording births,	17 50
deaths,	9 70
marriages,	2 85
N. F. Shippee, distributing ballots 1889,	150
J. L. Goldsmith, printing reports,	23 80
J. A. Richmond, voting shelf and railing,	8 97
J. L. Goldsmith, printing,	2 00
Geo. Tyler, repair on road machine,	20 60

E. R. King, appropriations Memorial day,	50 00	
Elias Bardwell, services as Register,	4 00	
C. N. Carpenter, labor, town hall,	11 50	
O. H. Lamb, returning births,	3 00	
Chas. Harris, storing lumber,	2 00	
B. H. Newell & Co., tile, nails, etc.,	42 42	
Robert & Brown, freighting, flooring town hall,	2 80	
Roberts & Brown, on act. of Mrs. Young,	1 50	
R. C. Hillman, Register 1888 to '90,	7 50	
Jonathan E. Davenport, election officer,	2 00	
Griswoldville Mfg. Co., for tile,	8 04	
W. S. Allard, iron work,	5 20	
J. C. Thompson, as election officer,	2 00	
Earl Shearer, as election officer,	1 50	
E. B. Smith, storing road machine,	1 00	
Elias Bardwell, Register,	1 00	
A. C. Smith, town hall,	5 75	
E. A. Hall,	2 00	
B. H. Newell & Co., rope, tile, etc.,	48 05	
J. A. Richmond, flooring town hall,	50 00	
Henry Curtis, town hall,	2 70	
Total,	—————	\$419 42

TOWN OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN.

Henry A. Smith,	\$50 00	
Geo. Purington,	30 00	
Robt. Coombs,	40 00	
Total,	—————	\$120 00

ASSESSORS.

H. A. Howard, assessor,	\$41 25	
J. D. Miller, assessor,	35 00	
Jonathan E. Davenport, assessor,	35 00	
Total,		\$111 25

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A. A. Smith,	\$70 00	
Mrs. H. A. Smith,	26 60	
Walter Kemp,	28 00	
J. Milo Miller,	1 25	
Mrs. H. A. Smith, supply agent,	28 40	
Total,		\$154 25

A. C. Smith, Treasurer,	\$50 00	
A. C. Smith, Collector,	\$40 00	
H. A. Smith, Hearseman,	\$40 00	
C. N. Carpenter, Constable,	\$5 00	
H. O. Scott, Auditor, 1889,	\$3 00	

SEXTONS.

A. B. Nelson, 1889,	\$4.00	
A. B. Nelson, 1890,	2 00	
F. W. Purington,	12 00	
Robert Miller,	16 00	
Total,		\$34 00

INTEREST, ETC.

Paid interest on town debt,	\$318 75
temporary loan,	2 30
town debt,	2000 00
state tax,	507 50
county tax,	938 24
state aid,	440 00
school committee orders,	3476 79

RECAPITULATION.

Highways,	\$1802 82
Bridges,	539 65
Railing,	89 31
Abatements,	107 39
Support of poor,	1011 05
Interest,	321 05
Principle,	2000 00
State tax,	507 50
County tax,	938 24
Incidentals,	419 42
Town officers,	557 50
State aid,	440 00
School committee orders,	3476 79
Total,	\$12 210 72

SUMMARY.

Receipts,	\$14 303 49
Disbursements,	\$12 210 72

Cash in treasury,	\$2 092 77	
Total,	—————	\$14 303 49
Town debt, *		\$4 900 00

RESOURCES.

Cash in hands of treasurer,	\$2 092 77	
On tax, 1886,	6 00	
1889,	100 19	
1890,	324 74	
Due from state on account state paupers		
1888,	33 93	
Due from state on account of Sally		
Nichols,	130 00	
Due from state on account of state aid,	320 00	
Total,	—————	\$3 007 63
Balance against the town above resources,		\$1 892 37

All of which is respectfully Submitted,

HENRY A. SMITH,	}	Selectmen of Colrain
GEO. R. PURINGTON,		
ROBT. M. COOMBS,		

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

To the Voters of Colrain:—

Gentlemen, in submitting my report for your consideration, I beg leave to say—that on assuming the duties of the office I notified the town officers that, in all cases, properly itemized and receipted bills, would be required to compare with order given or moneys paid during the year—these requirements were complied with except in a few cases when orders were given by the junior member of the school board and (it being his first year of service and not fully understanding the matter) failed to get proper vouchers—the same are to be procured however at an early date—compared, and placed on file. Aside from those mentioned, I have carefully examined all claims presented during the year, compared the same with the orders given, and the moneys paid, and compared the orders and vouchers with the treasurers books. I have also examined the collectors books and computed that amount due, the result as stated in town report, I am pleased with the systematic manner in which the books and accounts of the clerk and treasurer and the other officers have been kept, and hereby certify to the correctness of the same. With a little more effort on the part of the selectmen to get in the tardy bills—and a little more push on the part of the collector I think my successor will be able to show an entirely clean report.

Respectfully Submitted,

H. O. SCOTT, Auditor.

Colrain, Feb. 20, 1891.

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SCHOOL REPORT.

Fellow Citizens—In presenting this, our annual report, we feel to congratulate the town and ourselves in a dual capacity. The town that it has maintained within its borders seventeen schools, for the children who are within its limits; also that the schools, for the most part have been successful and the pupils have made commendable progress. The public schools of any and all towns speak in no uncertain way as to the prosperity of the people, and the desirableness of residence therein. Let us one and all, do our utmost to advance the interests of education in the town and thereby benefit ourselves and the children whose destinies are largely in our keeping. Parents and guardians do not feel satisfied with simply sending your children between the ages of eight and fourteen years to the schools while in session, the laws of the state compel that the professional man, the manufacturer and farmer, are just as liable for non-compliance with its provisions, as the humblest laborer in the office, the mills or on the farm. See to it, that your children are at school every day, when possible and proper. Exercise the same spirit that animated the parent who said: "If my children are well nothing but a funeral in the family will prevent them from attending school." Do not say, "The school is a failure," until

you visit it, and ascertain from personal observation, the character of both teacher and scholars. Remember to have the best results, you must co-operate with teachers in their important mission, instead of co-operating with your children in their efforts to annoy the teacher—their next best friend and in pronouncing the school a failure.

It should be the earnest desire of every citizen of the town to have good schools, and if there is a better way than the path we are now travelling, let us find it. Your committee congratulate themselves that they have been able to maintain the schools in town, within the appropriations and have a balance, to the credit of the schools for another year of \$511.18.

In making your appropriations for another year, we would ask, at your hands the following :

For schools, including wages for teachers,

wood and care etc.,	\$ 3000 00
school supplies,	300 00
repairs on school buildings,	500 00

The school building at Shattuckville needs covering on one side and sheathing or plastering inside. Also the school building at the Foundry village needs repairing to the same extent. Also the Spurr, South and Four Corners school rooms need plastering or sheathing, so your committee felt confident the amount designated for repairs is not too large to meet the expense of properly caring for the school property. We invite your careful consideration of the tabular statement.

FINANCES.

Appropriation of town,	\$3 000 00
for supplies,	250 00
for repairs,	100 00
School fund,	219 93
Quintus Allen fund,	172 45
Dog fund from county,	44 45
Tuition received from district No. 1	
Halifax, Vt.,	20 00
	————— \$3 806 83

Wood bills,	\$170 66
Cleaning school buildings,	27 10
Building fires and care of school rooms,	19 00
Freight,	3 67
School furniture,	17 24
Taking census of school children,	5 00
Employment tickets, age, and schooling	
certificates,	5 00
Repairs of school houses,	65 57
Bills of previous years,	24 88
Collecting and packing books,	8 00
	————— \$346 12

PAID TEACHERS.

Edith E. Stewart,	\$107 50
Lizzie E. Stratton,	60 00
Lena S. Donelson,	140 00
Grace A. Miller,	45 00

STATISTICS.

SCHOOLS.	NO. TERMS.	NO. WEEKS.	NO. SCHOLARS.	AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.
Adamsville,	3...	30...	24.....	16 76	14 94
Brick.	3.....	30.....	18.....	15 92.....	14 49
Bardwell,	3.....	30.....	9.....	8 3.....	7 42
Churchill,	3.....	30.....	10.....	8 13.....	6 04
City,	3.....	30.....	26.....	23 16.....	20 68
Christian Hill,	2 6...	26 5...	38.....	30 46.....	27 64
Elm Grove,	3.....	30.....	12.....	11.....	9 9
Foundry Inter.	3.....	30.....	35.....	25 26.....	23
“ Pri.	3.....	30.....	37.....	23 6.....	20 51
Four Corners,	3.....	30.....	10.....	8 22.....	7 75
Gris'ville Inter.	3.....	30.....	32.....	22 69.....	19 9
“ Pri.	3.....	30.....	40.....	33.....	29 1
Miller,	3.....	30.....	14.....	10 2.....	8 73
Shattuckville,	3.....	30.....	57.....	38 68.....	35 1
South,	3....	30....	9.....	6 68.....	6 3
Spurr,	3.....	30.....	11.....	8 94.....	8 06
Wilson Hill,	3.....	30.....	25.....	18 36.....	16 21

Mina L. Hillman,	60 00
Mina J. Copeland,	142 50
Jennie M. Gates,	100 00
Addie E. Clark,	39 60
Katie L. Moylan,	97 50
Lucy R. Smith,	120 00
Jennie R. Fairbanks,	165 00
Flora L. Sturtevant,	100 00
Emily Stacy,	160 00
Sadie A. Thompson,	120 00
Clara F. Davenport,	205 00
Lura N. Donelson,	110 00
Grace M. Clark,	150 00
Maud Purington,	110 00
Chas. W. Cary,	60 00
Mattie A. Smith,	60 00
Grace P. Miller,	140 00
Florence P. Donelson,	145 00
Ella M. Gilchrist,	47 50
Annie J. Snow,	100 00
Cora A. White,	60 00
Emma H. Dwight,	60 00
	\$2 704 60

SCHOOL SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

Supples on hand, Feb. 18, 1890,	\$77 35
Amount purchased during the year 1890	
and 1891,	244 93
	\$322 28

SUPPLIED SCHOOLS.

Adamsville,	\$21 25
Brick,	15 83
Bardwell,	11 29
Churchill,	10 64
Christian Hill,	26 81
City,	21 88
Elm Grove,	20 17
Foundry Intermediate,	41 44
Foundry Primary,	18 48
Four Corners	7 85
Griswoldville Intermediate,	28 25
Griswoldville Primary,	16 52
Miller,	11 27
Shattuckville,	30 63
South,	9 66
Spurr,	11 01
Wilson Hill,	19 28
	\$322 26

CR.

By exchange value of Franklin Readers,	\$102 45
Supplied Schools,	\$219 81

SUPPLIED SCHOOLS IN GENERAL.

Brooms, dust-pans, cups etc.,	\$12 53
Express and freight,	9 27
Globes, labels etc.,	12 70

Maps,	17 60	
		\$52 10
Amount supplied the schools,	\$219 81	
Supplies on hand Feb. 16, 1891,	50 37	
		\$270 18
		\$322 28

RECAPITULATION.

Paid teachers,	\$2 704 60	
Sundries,	346 12	
Amount of school supplies purchased,	244 93	
Sum total,		\$3 295 65
School orders drawn,		\$3 295 65

MISCELLANEOUS.

Number of schools in town,	17
Number of pupils between 8 and 14,	246
Number of pupils between 5 and 15 according to census,	395
Whole number attending school,	405
Average membership,	309 36
Average attendance,	275 77
Number over 15 years,	34
Number under 5 years,	9
Whole number of months school,	126 65
Number of male teachers,	1
Number of female teachers,	25

Average wages of male teachers per month,	\$24 00
Average wages of female teachers per month,	21 37
Due from L. A. Brigham for old school building,	10 00
Due from District No. 1, Halifax, Vt.,	16 70

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. SMITH,	} School Committee of Colrain.
W. H. KEMP,	
MRS. H. A. SMITH,	

Feb. 18, 1891.

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

* TOWN * OFFICERS *

—TO THE—

INHABITANTS OF COLRAIN

—FOR THE—

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 20, 1892.

SHELBURNE FALLS, MASS.,
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1892.

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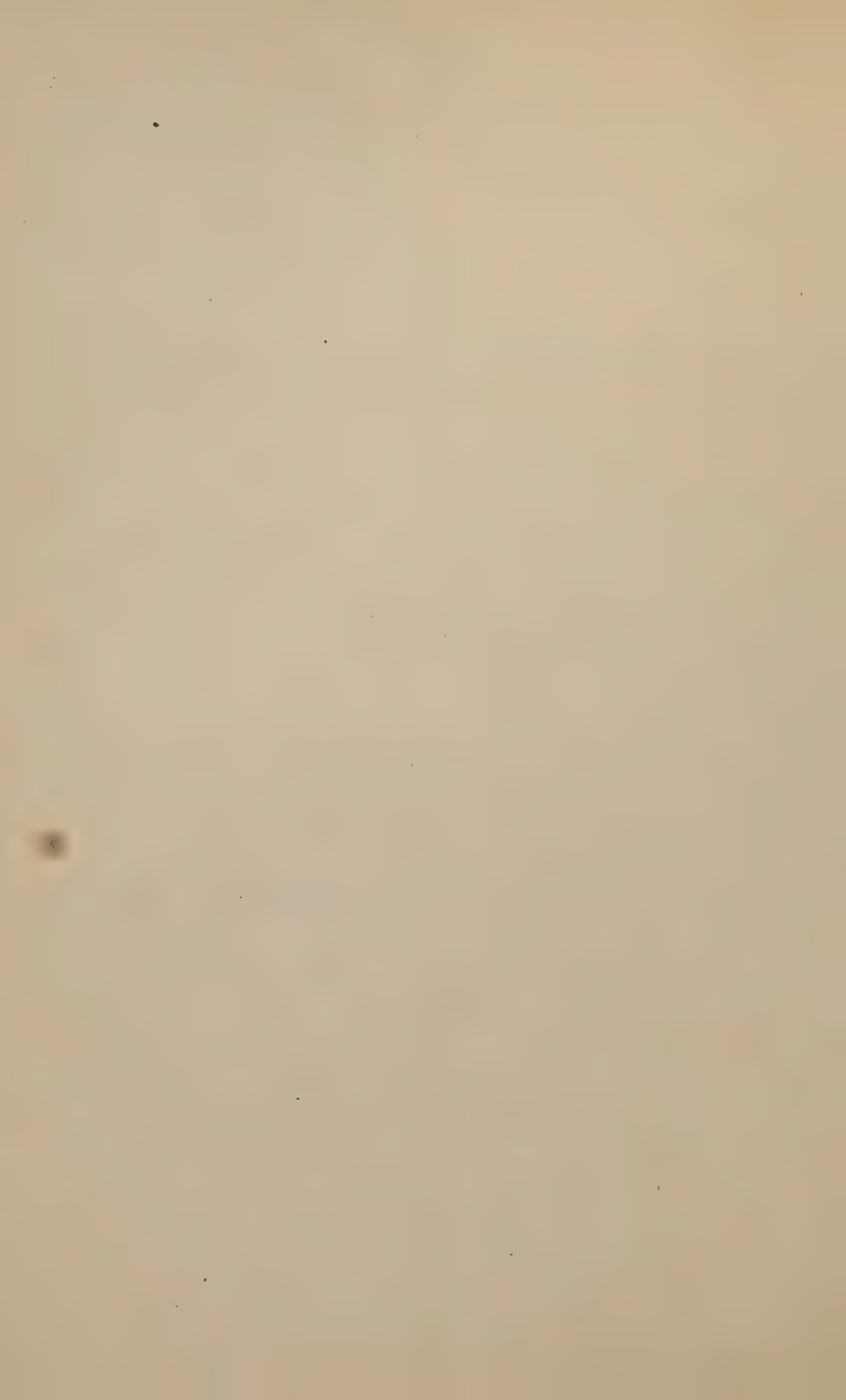
—TO THE—

INHABITANTS OF COLRAIN

—FOR THE—

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1892.

SHELBURNE FALLS, MASS.,
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TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of the town have this 20th day of February, 1892, settled with the Treasurer of the town and find his accounts with the town to be as follows:

A. C. Smith, Treasurer.

Cash in hands of Treasurer Feb. 17th,

1891, \$2,092 77

Received of the town of Halifax, 20 00

Town of Rowe Hosa Ballou, 6 00

Isaac Stetson acct. of Mrs.

Young, 100 29

Samuel Lincoln licence, 6 00

State acct. of State paupers, 121 21

Levi Davenport fund, 50 00

Isaac Stetson acct of Mrs.

Young, 23 68

Received State Corporation tax, 194 62

Nat. Bank tax, 64 30 3

Military aid, chap 279 acts 1889,	120 00
State aid " 301 " "	200 00
Dog fund,	73 38
Mass. school fund,	284 56
City of Boston acct. McCarty	
children,	143 00
Tax 1886,	6 00
" 1889,	64 43
" 1890,	205 61
" 1891,	9,212 23

Total,	\$12,988 08
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By paid Selectmen's orders,	\$6987 92
School Committee's orders,	3,582 68
State and military Aid,	592 00
Assessors Abatements,	61 24

Balance in hands of treasurer,	1,764 24
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	\$12,988 08
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Highway.

Dennis Wilson,		\$2 00	
Thomas Smead,		4 50	
Chas. S. Hillman,		75	
Mrs. J. J. Walden,		5 25	
Kendrick & Temple,		9 40	
Warner Pratt,		3 00	
F. L. Shearer,		1 75	
Victor Pelcha,		3 00	
Geo. Miller,		4 25	
Geo. Matterson,	1890	3 00	
G. W. Call,		3 00	
Amos Steward,		6 00	
Eli Stone,		75	
Frank Shearer,		3 00	
D. L. Smith,		3 00	
Warner Pratt,		14 75	5

John E. Bowen,	6 00
F. M. Thompson,	6 00
Geo. H. Phillips,	12 30
O. E. Miller,	4 05
J. W. Burrington,	5 85
O. D. Kemp,	4 50
O. H. Taylor,	18 75
H. P. Carr,	6 00
C. W. Hillman,	3 83
H. A. Scott,	48 69
H. C. Cromack,	6 00
O. B. Kendrick,	1 20
Almina Steele,	5 00
Geo. Tainter,	10 85
E. B. Stewart,	13 40
Wm. Stewart,	8 70
M. A. Thompson,	12 00
F. L. Shearer,	4 50
F. W. Jeffards,	6 00
Geo. Stetson,	21 00
Correl Davenport,	3 38
John Churchill,	75
J. P. Bell,	2 25
Frank Dunnell,	8 65
J. A. Dwight,	16 30
C. F. White,	8 70
E. R. Cobb,	33 60
Edgar Kendrick,	1 20

Merifield Bros.	12 75
C. W. Maxam,	4 35
Ed. Clark,	9 75
J. B. Cromack,	4 50
C. H. Vincent,	6 00
C. J. Brown,	3 75
C. S. Donelson,	3 45
Geo. J. Davenport,	7 50
Wm. H. Bardwell,	35 38
J. C. Van Vaulkingburgh,	20 25
Orson Call,	7 50
Fred Rehl,	4 80
Samuel Avery,	13 20
J. C. F. Purrington,	35 13
J. W. Carpenter,	3 00
T. R. Miller,	13 50
C. D. Miner,	3 00
E. B. Smith,	4 50
Erving Call,	3 30
J. T. Miller,	3 00
D. M. Pierce,	2 25
C. Simon,	6 90
Erastus Green,	5 00
Frank Brown,	3 45
S. B. Johnson.	16 05
E. Pike,	5 40
M. S. Harris,	9 00
Gris. Mfg. Co.,	1 28
A. P. Nelson,	15 15

Melvin Crosier,	3 00
Wm. Martin,	9 75
R. E. Martin,	5 55
Mathew Barber,	6 30
D. Hillman,	1 95
F. L. Purrington,	4 00
Jonathan Davenport,	60
Fred Purrington,	6 50
F. A. Walden,	4 50
Joel Cone,	1 50
Daniel Cary,	2 77
H. A. Scott,	2 40
S. W. Babbett,	6 00
H. W. Thompson,	8 25
J. E. Davenport,	5 70
H. S. Browning,	13 90
Clarence McGee,	1 50
H. J. Smith,	7 50
C. S. Cary,	13 65
Wayne Hillman,	25 50
C. P. Thayer,	4 40
Wm. S. Cook,	4 50
F. W. Conant,	17 50
E. D. Alexander,	5 00
M. M. Johnson,	11 33
James Galvin,	12 45
C. M. Fairbanks,	31 20
R. C. Porter,	1 20

G. A. Thompson,	10 00
F. N. Wilson,	6 75
Lewis Lively,	97
H. M. Peterson,	4 20
N. H. Purrington,	5 10
H. Kemp,	9 00
Chas. W. Smith,	4 50
H. A. Howard,	3 90
M. O. Nichols,	2 70
W. E. Burrington,	6 25
Arad Nichols,	10 00
F. M. Thompson,	26 20
John P. Sturtevant,	7 50
D. W. Nelson,	11 77
Roberts & Brown,	10 50
H. F. Purrington,	14 00
J. C. Thompson,	16 00
S. G. Davenport,	50
L. W. Stratton,	75
C. B. Denison,	10 20
R. W. Stacy,	8 32
J. S. Clark,	7 45
Noyes & Miller,	11 00
A. C. Smith & Son,	10 10
Coombs Bros.,	7 50
Geo. R. Purrington,	12 75

Highway Total,

\$1,046 25

Bridge.

Thomas Looman lumber,	\$10 82
Kendrick & Temple "	13 26
Fred Kendrick "	45 63
Hillman & Kendrick labor,	1 50
C. N. Carpenter, "	7 20
F. A. Peterson lumber,	12 28
Eli Stone labor,	50
Chas. Harris storing lumber,	1 00
Fred Kendrick,	62 34
Fred Kendrick lumber,	14 74
Frank Dunnell labor,	4 00
J. A. Dwight "	2 40
E. S. Alexander lumber,	22 67
C. F. White "	2 00
E. R. Cobb , "	4 50
Thomas Looman "	24 24
J. B. Cromack labor	9 00
J. C. F. Purrington labor,	15 31
Gris. Mfg. Co. labor,	1 72
Jonathan Davenport labor,	90
Fred Purrington "	45
Joel Cone lumber,	2 50
H. W. Thompson labor,	19 25
H. J. Smith "	6 60
F. W. Conant "	7 00
Lewis Brigham "	3 15
Chas W. Smith "	3 50

John P. Sturtevant covering bridge,	30 00
“ “ “ labor,	7 62
D. W. Nelson lumber,	3 20
Roberts & Brown lumber,	21 70
“ “ labor,	5 00
C. N. Carpenter “	9 12
H. F. Purrington “	3 00
J. C. Thompson “	2 55
L. W. Stratton lumber,	18 83
C. A. Marcy lumber,	6 20
A. C. Smith & Son lumber,	1 68
A C, Smith labor,	2 10
Geo H. Fisk lumber,	9 75
Coombs Bros. labor,	5 00
Geo. Purrington “	3 00

Bridge total,	\$427 21
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Railing.

E. B. Stewart,	\$1 32
Wm. Stewart.	2 25
E. R. Cobb,	8 47
J. C. F. Purrington,	1 00
Gris. Mfg. Co.,	2 45
H. J. Smith,	3 12
N. H. Purrington,	9 06
Chas. W. Smith,	1 05
H. F. Purrington,	2 00

Total,	\$30 72
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Abatements.

Sundry abatements,	\$61 24
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Poor.

John LaPlant on acct. Kate Hunt,	11 16
Robert & Brown on acct. Hosa Ballou	6 00
“ “ “ “ of Arad Shearer,	92 60
Eli Stone acct. of Joe. Charter,	25 50
Wm. M. Smead on acct. of James Wallace,	31 34
Green & Vosburgh casket,	13 00
Gris. Mfg. Co. acct. of Geo. Snay,	15 84
H. S. Swan casket,	15 00
Roberts & Brown keeping tramps,	17 00
Northampton insane Hospital acct Rachel Jeffords	169 46
Northampton insane Hospital acct. Mrs. Young,	137 43
Town of North Adams acct. Frank Bradley	18 95
Anon Bass acct. of Sybel Tisdale,	127 50
Arad Nichols acct of Sally Nichols,	104 00
Dennis Galvin acct. McCarty children,	143 00
J. W. Cram Medical attendance town poor,	65 25
H. O. Scott acct of Joe. Charter,	3 26

Total,

996 29

Incidentals.

J. L. Goldsmith Printing Town reports,	\$19 50
J. Powers freight. on Road Machine,	5 40
Geo E. Allen for Road Machine,	250 00
“ “ “ blades,	8 00
Franklin Sav. Institution act. monument fund	100 00
L. B. Moore memorial day,	50 00
J. L. Goldsmith,	5 00
Geo. P. Warner Storing Road Machine,	2 00
Jonathan Davenport tax schedule etc.,	6 30
B. H. Newell & Co. tile bolts etc.,	29 12
Thomas & Hillman freight, nails etc.,	2 94
Sarah L. Thompson appropriation for Chandler Hill cemetery,	50 00
Geo H. Carpenter Registrar,	5 00
“ “ “ Election officer,	1 50
H. A. Howard “ “	2 00
W. S. Allard iron work etc.,	4 30
J. C. Thompson Election officer,	2 00
E. A. Hall Printing,	75
Warren Butler repairing ballot box,	1 00
Geo. L. Brownell for Hearse,	300 00
J. W. Cram return of births,	3 50
C. A. Marcy stove pipes etc.,	2 51
J. D. Miller Election officer,	2 00
R. C. Hillman registrar,	3 00
A. C. Smith express, stationary etc.,	10 15
“ Carrying vote to Charlement,	4 00

A. C. Smith, Recording births deaths and

“ marriages 27 55

“ Registrar, 3 00

Total, \$899 52

TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen.

Henry A. Smith, \$50 00

Geo. R. Purrington, 40 00

Robt. Coombs, 35. 00

Total, \$125 00

Assessors.

Jonathan E. Davenport, \$42 50

H. A. Howard, 32 50

J. D. Miller, 33 75

Total, \$108 75

School Committee.

Arthur A. Smith, \$70 00

Mrs. Henry A. Smith, 36 90

Walter H. Kemp, 28 00

Mrs. H. A. Smith, Supply Agent, 20 60

Total, \$155 50

A. C. Smith,	Treasurer,	\$50 00
A. C. Smith,	Collector,	40 00
H. A. Smith,	Hearseman,	56 00
C. N. Carpenter,	Constable,	5 00
H. O. Scott,	Auditor,	3 00

Sexton.

A. B. Nelson,	\$2 00
O. H. Taylor,	2 00
Robt. Miller,	8 00
Fred Purrington,	36 00

Total, \$48 00

Interest, etc.,

Paid Interest on town debt,	\$223 44
On town debt,	1,400 00
State tax,	435 00
County tax,	938 24
State aid,	592 00
School Committee's orders,	3,582 68

RECAPITULATIONS.

Highways,	\$1,046 25
Bridges,	427 21
Railing,	30 72
Abatements,	61 24
Support of Poor,	996 29
Incidentals,	899 52
Town officers,	543 25

Sextons,	48 00
Interest,	223 44
Principle,	1,400 00
State tax,	435 00
County tax,	938 24
State aid,	592 00
School committee's orders,	3, 582 68

Summary.

Receipts,	\$12,988 08
Disbursements,	11,223 84
Cash in Treasury,	1,764 24
Total,	\$12,988 08
Town debt,	\$3,500 00

Resources.

Cash in hands of Treasurer,	\$1,764 24
On tax 1889,	35 76
“ “ 1890,	119 13
“ “ 1891,	1,648 66
Due from State on acct of Sally Nichols,	104 00
“ “ “ “ “ State aid,	216 00
“ “ “ “ “ Military aid,	188 00
Total,	\$4,075 79
Balance in favor of town,	\$575 79

All of which is respectfully submitted:

Henry A. Smith,	}	Selectmen of Colrain
Geo. R. Purrington,		
Robt. Coombs,		

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

To the voters of Colrain; Gentlemen, I have carefully examined all demands that have been presented against the town through the selectmen and school committees since my report of a year ago, and compared the same with the orders given by them and find them correct. The books of the clerk and treasurer have been subjected to a critical examination and all monies that have been received or paid, as shown by his books have been compared with the vouchers and I find them also correct. I have also made a thorough examination of the Collector's books for 1889, 1890 and 1891. Computed the amount due and uncollected as stated in the report of your town officers.

Respectfully submitted,

H. O. Scott, Auditor.

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SCHOOL REPORT.

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Fellow Citizen's:— Another school year is ended, and we herewith submit, for your consideration, the following report for the year ending February 20, 1892. Seventeen schools have been maintained in town, and the amount of expense for repairs and supplies has been quite a little less than the amount appropriated for such purposes, while the amount paid to teachers is larger than the sum you appropriated not only for the payment of teachers, but for fuel and care of schoolrooms also.

We endeavored to secure the best teachers that our limited means would allow ; teachers who realized the greatness of their responsibilities, and that their time and ability belonged to their pupils. In but few instances have we been disappointed. We employed home talent mainly, as twenty out of the twenty-five teachers reside in town. In nearly every instance we think we had the right teacher in the right place, consequently our schools have been, for the most part, success-

ful, and we trust acceptable to the patrons. Before you criticise us for hiring young and inexperienced teachers in place of securing the services of those who have a well established reputation as thorough and efficient teachers, let us point out to you the error you make in appropriating so small a sum for salaries, fuel and the care of school rooms. To illustrate—At the March meeting of last year you appropriated for payment of teachers, fuel and care of school rooms the sum of \$2,600.00. We have paid for fuel a small part of which is unconsumed, \$188.12, for building fires and care of rooms we have paid \$24.00 which leaves a balance of \$2,387.88 for payment of teachers which sum was inadequate by \$374.12 to pay the teachers employed, some of whom on account of youth and inexperience, did not expect such high wages as successful, experienced teachers can command. Do not for a moment consider that we undervalue our young teachers—no, indeed, some of them have done nobly, and it is our wish to retain them, and and be able to pay them what their services are actually worth. Your appropriations for repairs and supplies were generous, and we earnestly recommend that you avearge the generosity of your appropriations and give your committee a sum large enough to pay for fuel, care of school rooms and the salaries of teachers.

We think the sum laid out for repairs was judiciously expended—the Four Corners, South and Spurr school houses have been sheathed and otherwise repaired till they are now of tidy and creditable appearance. As much more needs to be done the coming year—the school building at Shattuckville, and also at the Foundry village need to be sheathed or plastered. The city school house, needs shingling and painting inside.

We feel it incumbent upon us to again urge parents and guardians to see to it that their children and wards attend school punctually, regularly and every day while the schools are in session.

If for any other reason than sickness, you permit them to be absent from school, you are doing them an injury you can never repair, and are guilty of non-compliance with a law that is very explicit upon this point. Prosecution is the penalty attendant upon its violation.

Your committee feel that they have not done their full duty in this respect, but have erred on the side of leniency hoping transgressors would learn to do right in this matter, and thus avoid the the disgrace that must otherwise, come upon them.

We would also urge upon parents and guardians the importance of co-operating with teachers in their efforts to train and educate your children next to you, the teacher is their best friend, and should have your hearty support, in order that your children may acquire all the education and cultivation possible to attain in the few years between childhood and young man and womanhood—and *apropos* of this, we would recall your attention to the generous offer made by our glorious old commonwealth to all the towns within her border. She will give you one hundred dollars worth of books (whatever you may choose to select) if you will appropriate the small sum of twenty-five dollars to be expended for the same purpose. The object of this is to found a public, circulating library that shall be free and accessible to every family in town. In this way the schools can be supplied with supplementary reading—the child-

ren supplied with attractive, interesting and instructive home reading which may also be a source of enjoyment to us, of an older generation. Do not think to say to yourself, or to others, if my children have as good a chance as I did it is good enough, but be on the alert to secure to them every possible advantage, in order that they may be well fitted to grace any station in life to which they may be called. Before you turn a cold shoulder to this matter consider what a geuerous interest our good old state takes in the rising generation, and ponder if it is not becoming in you to take at least one fourth as much interest in the welfare and education of your own children as she takes in them. We invite your careful consideration of the tabular statement.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. A. Smith,	}	School Committee
W. H. Kemp,		of
Mrs. H. A. Smith,		Colrain.

Colrain, Feb, 20, 1892.

STATISTICS.

Schools.	NO. TERMS.	NO. WEEKS.	NO. SCHOLARS.	19	
				AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP.	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.
Adamsville,	3	28	28	14	17 1
Brick.	3	30	18	18	15
Bardwell,	3	35	10	8 3	8
Churchill,	3	30	10	7 2	6 3
Christian Hill,	3	30	27	23	21 9
City,	3	30	23	16 5 2	14 7
Elm Grove,	3	30	19	15	14 8
Foundry Inter.	3	30	32	25	22
“ Pri.	3	30	36	25	21
Four Corners,	3	30	10	9	8
Gris.' Inter.	3	30	31	23	22
“ Pri.	3	30	36	20	25
Miller,	3	30	10	8 4	7 7
Shattuckville,	3	30	50	31 3 2	28
South,	3	30	8	8	8
Spurr,	2	20	6	6	5
Wilson Hill,	3	30	27	20 17	18 35

FINANCES.

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Appropriation of town for payment of teach-	
ers, fuel and care of school rooms,	\$2,600 00
Appropriations of town for supplies,	300 00
“ “ “ “ repairs,	500 00
School fund,	284 56
Dog fund from county,	73 38

Paid Sundries.

Wood,	\$188 12
Cleaning school buildings,	26 00
Building fires and care of School rooms,	24 00
Freight,	1 10
School furniture,	71 04
Taking census,	6 25
Repairs of school houses,	321 10
Issuing age and schooling certificates,	5 00
Bills of previous years,	19 45
Transporting scholars,	20 00

Total,	\$682 05
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PAID TEACHERS.

Emily Stacy,	\$180 00
Mattie H. Smith,	120 00
— Sadie A. Thompson,	120 00
Nellie E. Brown,	155 00
Mina L. Hillman,	175 00
— Jennie E. Fairbanks,	50 00
Maud Purrington,	175 90
Flora L. Sturtevant,	180 00
— Clara Davenport,	9 10
Nellie J. Clark,	60 00
Katie M. Smith,	120 00
— Alice M. Dwight,	50 00
Janie Mather,	95 50
Gertrude Martin,	45 00
— Jennie M. Gates,	147 50
Mina J. Copeland,	150 00
Lena S. Donelson,	147 50
— Lizzie E. Stratton,	186 50
Gratia E. Severance,	60 00
Byron A. Smith,	60 00
— Fannie M. Gleason,	180 00
Cora Russell,	142 50
Florence P. Donelson,	55 00
— Luna Rice,	50 00
Grace M. Clark,	47 50
Total,	\$2762 00

SCHOOL SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

Supplies on hand Feb. 16, 1891,	\$50 37	
Amount purchased during the year, 1891—92,	185 03	
Total,		\$235 40
Adamsville,	\$23 47	
Brick,	20 45	
Bardwell,	5 68	
Churchill,	4 55	
Christian Hill,	6 24	
City,	23 43	
Elm Grove,	11 47	
Four Corners,	9 80	
Foundry Inter.,	15 93	
“ Pri.,	11 90	
Griswoldville Inter.,	12 51	
“ Pri.,	12 53	
Miller,	8 59	
Shattuckville,	7 77	
South,	5 77	
Spurr,	2 85	
Wilson Hill,	7 26	
General Supplies,	4 86	
	\$195 06	
Amt. of Supplies on hand, Feb. 20, 1882.	40 34	
Total,		\$235 40

Recapitulations.

Paid Teachers,	\$2,762 00
Sundries,	682 05
Amount of school supplies purchased,	185 03
	\$3,629 08
School orders drawn,	\$3,629 08

Miscellaneous.

No. of Schools in Town,	17
No. of pupils between 8 and 14,	224
“ “ “ “ 5 and 15 according to census,	366
Whole number attending school,	381
Average membership,	286 91
Average attendance,	262 85
Number over 15 years,	28
“ under 5 “	3
Whole number of months school,	124 5
Number of male teachers,	1
“ “ female “	24
Average wages of male teacher per month,	\$24
“ “ “ female “ “ “	22 15
Due for tuition from Halifax, Vt. for 1890	16 70
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ 1881	24 00

REPORTS
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REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

R. C. HILLMAN, TOWN CLERK, IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF COLRAIN.

DR.

To Cash for 65 licenses for male dogs.....	\$	130 00	
4 " " female dogs.....		20 00	
	—————	\$	150 00

CR.

By paid County Treasurer.....	\$	136 20	
Clerk's fees, 69 licenses at 20 cents.....		13 80	
	—————	\$	150 00

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of the town have, this 24th day of February, 1893, settled with the Treasurer of the town and find his accounts with the town to be as follows:

R. C. HILLMAN, Treasurer.

DR.

Received of A. C. Smith, treas. for 1891.....	\$ 1764 24
A. C. Smith, bal. due on taxes of 1889,	
1890 and 1891.....	1803 55
State on acc't of Sally Nichols.....	176 42
National Bank tax.....	125 21
Corporation tax.....	99 86
Military aid, chapter 279, acts of 1889..	184 00
State aid, chapter 301, acts of 1889.....	216 00
Burial State Paupers.....	40 00
Quintus Allen's Est.....	403 38
Levi Davenport fund	50 00
Town of Halifax.....	40 70
Samuel Lincoln, license.....	6 00
J. H. Bourbeau.....	6 00
Joseph Egger's Est.....	64 22
Dog fund.....	68 44
Mass. School fund.....	334 64
Fred'k L. Greene, acc't criminal cases..	12 68
Isaac Stetson, acc't Mrs. Young.....	183 38
City of Boston, acc't McCarty children.	104 00
Tax of 1892.....	9241 93
Total	\$ 14924 65

CR.

By paid Selectmen's orders.....	\$ 4019 37
School Committee's orders.....	3946 80
State and Military aid.....	394 00
Int. paid on town debt.....	170 25
Principal " "	2000 00
Superintendent of schools.....	256 31
Assessors' abatements.....	54 44
County tax.....	889 12
State tax.....	455 00
Balance.....	2739 36
	\$ 14924 65
Balance in hand of Treasurer.....	\$ 2739 36
The Selectmen and Treasurer hold in trust as a memorial fund.	\$ 355 00

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor submit their annual report.

DISBURSEMENTS—HIGHWAYS.

Earl Shearer estate.....	\$	19 95
Elias Bardwell.....		1 75
E. P. Booth.....		1 50
A. W. Hinsdale.....		3 00
A. B. Nelson.....		3 00
D. F. Thompson.....		4 00
C. Lapier.....		3 00
W. & C. Coombs.....		45 35
Dennis Wilson... ..		3 00
D. H. Brown.....		1 50
Geo. Pierce....		5 40
Nelson Walden.....		3 15
C. Webster Smith.....		1 80
E. H. Legate.....		1 50
Geo. Matterson.....		13 40
B. F. Miller.....		2 40
Richard Schack..		3 75
W. E. Southworth.....		7 50
C. W. Smith... ..		16 65
J. Milo Miller.....		7 90
N. F. Shippee.....		2 40
Wm. Sessler		4 50
J. L. Dunnell.....		1 50
H. B. Gilderdale.....		6 00
J. D. Gilchrist.....		4 50
Joshua Purinton.....		9 00
C. H. Kehl.....		90
Victor Pelcha.....		3 00
Joseph Lively.....		4 50
Abel Dutton.....		5 10
Harvey Bell.....		2 00
S. F. Upton.....		6 00
T. D. Williams		5 00
Joseph Bushey		1 50
Peter Vincent.....		5 25
E. Auger.....		1 50

Eli Stone.....	4 00
Frank Wilson.....	6 45
Thompson Bros.....	47 74
Geo. Matterson.....	20 80
H. A. Scott.....	45 48
John E. Bowen.....	9 00
Geo. H. Phillips.....	9 00
S. F. Upton.....	7 05
Griswoldville Mfg. Co.....	5 14
W. E. Southworth.....	2 25
Edgar Kendrick.....	1 50
Merrifield Bros.....	14 35
F. A. Dunnell.....	27 68
Luke White....	1 50
C. M. Fairbanks.....	52 20
F. L. Kendrick.....	12 25
Thomas Smead.....	7 05
Fred Joyal....	3 00
Wayne Hillman.....	30 60
C. F. White.....	22 00
J. M. Churchill....	3 00
N. M. Walden....	3 60
Abel Dutton.....	1 50
C. W. Maxam.....	3 00
Joel Clark....	3 00
E. C. Harris.....	31 80
H. M. Peterson.....	6 00
Wm. Stewart.....	11 00
C. Lawchance	1 50
R. J. Donelson	20 25
O. H. Taylor.....	18 00
J. W. Burrington.....	4 50
C. H. & H. C. Cromack....	11 85
Wm. Martin.....	14 25
Frank Shearer....	4 50
Erastus Green.....	1 50
E. B. Smith.....	4 50
C. L. Donelson.....	9 07
Correll Davenport.....	12 20
John E. Davenport.....	10 35
Edward Clark.....	4 50
Correll Vincent.....	1 50
Thompson Bros....	10 95
Frank Avery.....	2 55
Merrifield Bros.....	8 25

George Stetson.....	5 40
Frank Jeffords.....	1 95
John Sturtevant.....	11 55
Roberts Bros.....	6 30
C. W. Hillman.....	3 50
Roberts & Brown.....	87 97
L. B. Stewart.....	3 00
C. D. Miner.....	3 00
A. W. Hinsdale.....	5 00
J. A. Dwight.....	15 60
Clarence McGee.....	2 25
Frank Brown.....	9 77
S. B. Johnson.....	4 50
Amos Stewart.....	26 00
W. L. Cook & Son.....	2 25
H. Allen Steele.....	5 75
M. M. Johnson.....	16 45
Geo. Taintor.....	10 50
Robert Martin.....	4 50
C. S. Cary.....	7 80
M. B. Crosier.....	2 85
W. H. Bardwell.....	20 25
J. C. VanValkenburg.....	11 63
Frank Walden.....	2 25
J. M. Miller.....	10 60
T. R. Miller.....	20 85
Daniel Cary.....	3 00
George Nelson.....	4 35
Richard Schack.....	6 45
C. Simonds.....	6 45
R. W. Stacy.....	6 60
Frank Purrington.....	9 50
A. B. Nelson.....	4 05
E. B. Stewart.....	17 05
E. D. Alexander.....	5 50
J. C. Thompson.....	15 10
H. W. Thompson.....	7 25
H. S. Browning.....	7 00
J. L. Clark.....	4 50
C. & W. Coombs.....	9 00
H. Kemp & Son.....	13 20
Geo. D. Cobb.....	32 55
Thomas Smead.....	11 55
F. Joy.....	1 25
J. H. Carr.....	4 50

Griswoldville Mfg. Co..	3 50
D. W. Nelson.....	3 50
M. M. Johnson.....	2 00
Eli Pike.....	6 00
Elias Bardwell.....	3 00
Thomas O'Brine.....	5 25
Mathew Barber.....	6 00
H. J. Smith.....	7 75
Orson Call.....	3 30
Harry Gilderdale.....	8 55
Joel Cone.....	6 75
Milo A. Thompson.....	18 00
Jonathan Davenport.....	15 75
A. L. Burrington.....	4 12
T. D. Williams.....	5 10
G. A. Thompson.....	6 00
Nelson Purrington.....	9 15
F. W. Conant.....	9 62
D. M. Pierce.....	3 38
Luther Purrington. .	2 10
L. B. Moore & Son.....	5 70
Lewis Brigham.....	3 35
H. Purrington.....	75
Joseph Lively.....	4 65
E. Parker.....	1 50
C. R. Snow estate.....	2 77
H. A. Howard.....	4 35
H. F. Purrington.....	17 25
Geo. J. Davenport.....	5 40
Wm. Burrington.....	2 10
Geo. P. Warner.....	1 50
L. W. Babbett.....	1 50
E. F. Copeland.....	12 20
John Miner.....	7 50
James Galvin.....	9 75
Frank Cromack.	10 50
Geo. Nelson... ..	4 50
J. B. Clark.....	12 95
Noyes & Miller . . .	6 50
C. Webster Smith.....	1 65
O. D. Kemp.....	2 50
Chas. W. Smith . . .	5 00
A. C. Smith & Son.....	16 50
F. W. Purrington.....	6 00
Geo. R. Purinton.....	8 30

E. W. Coombs.....	5 60
Robt. M. Coombs.....	10 50
Geo. O. Dunnell.....	4 80
F. M. Thompson.....	26 55
Highway total.....	\$ 1,545 57

BRIDGE WORK AND LUMBER.

Earl Shearer Est., lumber.....	\$ 2 50
E. P. Booth.....	1 50
A. W. Hinsdale.....	50
C. Lapier.....	25
W. & C. Coombs, lumber.....	7 03
Fred Merrifield.....	5 50
Geo. Matterson, lumber.....	1 27
F. L. Kendrick, ".....	42 71
J. Milo Miller.....	4 87
J. L. Dunnell.....	3 00
F. L. Kendrick.....	17 20
C. N. Carpenter.....	5 50
Emory Cowing, iron work.....	3 10
F. L. Kendrick, lumber.....	34 73
Emory Cowing, iron work.....	13 60
Fremont Purrington.....	10 15
F. L. Kendrick.....	50 00
H. A. Scott.....	6 57
O. M. Brown.....	36 00
John E. Bowen.....	1 12
Griswoldville M'fg Co.....	95
W. E. Southworth.....	3 75
F. L. Kendrick, lumber.....	11 75
C. F. White.....	3 75
C. F. White, lumber.....	13 16
Carl Kehl.....	11 00
E. C. Harris.....	50
C. F. White.....	7 50
" " lumber.....	15 40
E. B. Smith.....	3 60
John Sturtevant.....	12 45
E. S. Alexander.....	8 74
T. R. Miller.....	8 10
Daniel Cary.....	2 25
E. B. Stewart.....	3 00
H. W. Thompson.....	1 45
R. C. Porter.....	6 00
F. L. Kendrick.....	58 34

Griswoldville Mfg. Co., lumber.....	4 49	
D. W. Nelson, lumber.....	10 26	
H. J. Smith.....	5 13	
G. A. Thompson.....	1 50	
F. W. Conant	7 00	
D. M. Pierce, lumber.....	1 50	
L. B. Moore & Son.....	2 70	
Lewis Brigham.....	45	
H. F. Purrington.....	6 56	
Geo. J. Davenport.....	1 05	
Geo. Cobb, lumber.....	9 00	
Geo. Cobb.....	14 70	
Chas. W. Smith.....	3 50	
Geo. R. Purington.....	6 00	
Bridge total		\$ 492 63

RAILING.

T. D. Williams.....	\$ 1 00	
Thompson Bros.....	49 38	
H. A. Scott.....	7 15	
Griswoldville Mfg. Co.....	8 96	
C. M. Fairbanks.....	4 23	
C. F. White.....	1 96	
Wm. Martin.....	1 25	
Frank Brown	5 83	
E. B. Stewart.....	2 00	
Griswoldville Mfg. Co.....	2 25	
H. J. Smith.....	1 33	
Geo. Cobb.....	14 82	
Henry Underwood.....	3 40	
Total.....		\$ 103 56

SUPPORT OF POOR.

J. W. Cram, medical attendance Sally Nichols.....	\$ 10 00	
Griswoldville Mfg. Co., on acct. of Joseph Egger....	8 46	
“ “ “ caskets for Lord children...	40 00	
John Laplant, assistance in burial of Egger.....	2 00	
Roberts & Brown, keeping tramps'.....	9 00	
H. S. Swan, caskets.....	33 50	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts on acct. of Thom- as Monahan.....	82 64	
W. M. Smead on acct. of James Wallace.....	13 50	
C. J. Day “ “ “	6 50	
A. N. Hull “ “ “	1 00	
Mrs. Henry Wood, attendance on James Wallace...	14 00	
N. S. Cutler, on acct. “ “ ...	58 70	

Arad Nichols, on acct. Sally Nichols.....	47 42	
Northampton asylum, on acct. Rachel Jeffords.....	169 92	
“ “ “ Elizabeth Young.....	169 92	
Dennis Galvin, on acct. McCarthy children.....	104 00	
Anan Bass, on acct. Sybil Tisdale.....	85 00	
Total.....		\$ 855 56

INCIDENTALS.

Earl Shearer Est., election officer.....	\$ 1 50	
Elias Bardwell, registrar 1891.....	2 00	
J. L. Goldsmith, printing town reports.....	18 20	
E. A. Hall & Co., printing notice.....	1 00	
Jonathan Davenport, three cemetery lots.....	25 00	
Geo. Tyler & Co., blades for road machine.....	16 00	
L. B. Moore, Memorial day.....	50 00	
Wesley Woodard, services in criminal case.....	8 07	
J. D. Miller, insurance on town hall.....	8 75	
E. A. Hall & Co., printing highway bills.....	1 50	
Chas. Harris, storing lumber.....	1 00	
C. F. White, nails.....	88	
J. W. Cram, returning births.....	4 75	
E. A. Hall & Co., collector's book and order books.....	5 54	
J. C. Thompson, election officer.....	2 00	
H. W. Thompson, registrar.....	3 00	
Geo. H. Carpenter.....	5 00	
Elias Bardwell, registrar.....	6 00	
H. O. Scott, auditor, 1891.....	3 00	
Jonathan Davenport, election officer.....	3 00	
A. A. Smith, issuing school certificates.....	5 00	
Thomas & Hillman, nails, etc.....	2 54	
H. A. Howard, election officer.....	2 00	
W. S. Allard, iron work.....	8 55	
B. H. Newell & Co., tile, etc.....	34 70	
J. D. Miller, stationery and postage.....	1 55	
H. A. Smith, stationery and postage.....	1 55	
F. W. Purrington, election officer.....	3 00	
R. C. Hillman, recording deaths, births and mar'ges.....	38 50	
R. C. Hillman, stationery and express.....	8 77	
R. C. Hillman, registrar.....	4 00	
R. C. Hillman, carrying vote to Charlemont.....	4 00	
Total.....		\$ 280 30

SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN.

H. A. Smith.....	\$ 50 00
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Geo. R. Purinton.....	40 00	
Robt. M. Coombs.....	40 00	
Total.....	—————	\$ 130 00

ASSESSORS.

Jonathan Davenport.....	\$ 35 00	
H. A. Howard.....	43 75	
J. D. Miller.....	35 00	
Total.....	—————	\$ 113 75

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

R. C. Hillman.....	\$ 75 00	
A. C. Smith, collecting delinquent taxes.....	\$ 25 00	

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A. A. Smith.....	\$ 50 00	
W. H. Kemp.....	25 00	
Mrs. H. A. Smith.....	20 00	
Mrs. H. A. Smith, school supply agent.....	40 00	
Total.....	—————	\$ 135 00
R. C. Hillman, treasurer.....	\$ 50 00	
J. D. Miller, constable.....	\$ 5 00	
H. S. Meacham, inspector.....	\$ 30 00	
H. A. Smith, hearseman....	\$ 94 00	
Total	—————	\$ 657 75

SEXTONS.

A. B. Nelson.....	\$ 18 00	
Geo. Matterson.....	4 00	
O. H. Taylor.....	2 00	
Robt. Miller.....	6 00	
F. W. Purrington.....	50 00	
	—————	\$ 80 00

HIGHWAY DAMAGE.

Joel Clark.....	\$ 4 00	
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ABATEMENTS.

Sundry abatements.....	\$ 54 44	
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SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.

A. L. Safford.....	\$ 256 31	
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INTEREST, ETC.

Paid Interest on town debt.....	\$ 170 25	
Principal " "	2000 00	

State and military aid.....	394 00
County tax.....	889 12
State tax	455 00
School committee orders.....	3946 80

RECAPITULATION.

Highways	\$ 1545 57
Bridge.....	492 63
Railing.....	103 56
Support of Poor.....	855 56
Incidental.....	280 30
Town officers.....	657 75
Sextons	80 00
Highway damage.....	4 00
Abatements	54 44
Interest	170 25
Principal.....	2000 00
State and military aid.....	394 00
County tax.....	889 12
State tax.....	455 00
School committee orders.....	3946 80
Superintendent of schools.....	256 31

SUMMARY.

Receipts.....	\$ 14,924 65
Disbursements	12,185 29
Cash in treasury.....	2739 36
Total	\$ 14,924 65
Town's debt.....	\$ 1500 00

RESOURCES.

Cash in hands of treasurer.....	\$ 2739 36
Due from the State on account of State aid....	216 00
“ “ “ Military aid.....	89 00
Total	\$ 3044 36
All of which is respectfully submitted.	

HENRY A. SMITH, } *Selectmen*
 GEO. R. PURINTON, } *of*
 ROBT COOMBS, } *Colrain.*

ESTIMATED APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1893.

Highways and bridges.....	\$ 2500 00
Schools.....	3000 00
Incidentals.....	300 00
Support of poor	800 00
State and military aid.....	400 00
Town officers.....	550 00

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined all bills presented to the Selectmen and School Committee since my report of one year ago, corrected all errors detected, compared same with orders given on the Treasurer, and pronounce same correct. Have also examined the books of the Clerk and Treasurer; been particular to notice that for all sums paid proper vouchers have been returned; have compared amounts received from all sources with amount paid out, and find the balance in cash and in deposits in the Shelburne Falls Bank to the credit of the Town, to agree with the amount as given in the Treasurer's report of to-day. And, I hereby certify to the correctness of the same. The amount of tax due from A. C. Smith as reported last year, as also the amount due for 1892, called for in the Assessors warrant, having all been paid to the Treasurer, I consider it unnecessary to make an examination of the Collector's books. There are a small number of bills yet to come in which I have estimated at less than one hundred and fifty dollars, which, I think, added to the indebtedness of the Town and deducted from the amount in the hands of the Treasurer, will give the voters a pretty correct estimate of the financial standing of the Town at this date.

Respectfully submitted,

H. O. SCOTT, *Auditor.*

Colrain, February 24th, 1893.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Fellow Citizens :—Another year has rolled around and we are before you with our accounts. Repairs and the purchasing of new books have made our expenses some larger than in previous years. The City, foundry and brick school-houses have received the greater amount of repairs. Our school-houses are in very good condition now, and but little will need to be done, in the way of repairs, the coming year. A much larger amount than usual has been expended for school supplies, owing to the much needed change of some of our text books, which has brought a great deal of extra work for the supply agent to do. The old series of arithmetics had been in use ever since the majority of your school committee were pupils in the public schools and it seemed important that we exchange them for a more modern series. Our grammars and primary language books were also a good deal out of date and the same was true of our histories. The books mentioned and some of the readers were, many of them, very much worn. Had we bought new books of the same old kinds the expense would have been much heavier than it was. By changing the text books we were able to get a small exchange price for all our old books. As such an extensive change will not be needed again for some time, it would seem that the usual amount appropriated for supplies would be ample for another year.

Your committee feel that Supt. A. L. Safford has done good work in our schools and we commend the matter of supervision to your favorable attention, feeling confident that more work can be done a second year than was possible to do the first year. There has been a *marked* improvement in reading and language work and more or less in other branches of study. The matter of expense was not so large as may have seemed to you it would be. The town has now paid the Superintendent \$256.31 and the two remaining months will bring the sum up to \$307.58.

When the year is up, April 18th, there will be due the district from the State five hundred dollars, of which Colrain will have \$205.06, which is two-thirds of the amount paid the Superintendent. This money must be used for school purposes, hiring better teachers for higher wages, prolonging schools, etc. This brings the balance of cost for supervision down to \$102.53. Here let it be understood that the matter of hiring and discharging teachers is beyond the control of the Superintendent. It is his duty to report to the committee in regard to the efficiency or inefficiency of a teacher; the matter then rests with the committee.

A few words in regard to the library may not be out of place here. As a result of the appropriation of \$25 and the consequent bounty from the State, we had the beginning of the free public library. We are indebted to the circulating book club of former years for twenty-seven volumes and the use of its bookcase. The Literary club has given its books to the number of thirty-six volumes. There are seven more for us that have not yet been handed in. Hon. R. H. McClellan of Troy, N. Y., presented a few volumes; and Mrs. John Smead one year's numbers of *The Ladies' Home Journal*; Miss E. P. Sohier of Beverly, connected with the Free Public Library Commission, has given several volumes, to which her friends, through her influence, have added till their gifts amount to eighty-one volumes. All in all we have a choice selection of books composed of the best works of the most popular writers of prose and verse. Mrs. Cram, the librarian, is well fitted for the position by her intimate association with the library in her native city and attends to the regular duties of a librarian without compensation. The library is open Thursdays from two to four and from seven to nine p. m. There is now in the hands of the Trustees the sum of \$16.15 yet to be expended for printing catalogues and purchasing a few more books, if possible.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

SCHOOLS.	NO. OF TERMS.	NO. OF WEEKS.	NO. OF SCHOLARS.	AV. MEMBERSHIP.	AV. ATTENDANCE.
Adamsville,	3	30	35	26.35	23.2
Bardwell,	3	30	10	8.56	8.38
Brick,	3	30	17	13.4	12.78
Christian Hill,	3	80	33	25.13	22.44
City,	3	30	18	13.68	12.04
Elm Grove,	3	30	24	18.25	16.95
Foundry—Inter.,	3	30	32	22.92	21.11
Foundry—Pri.,	3	30	32	24.02	21.11
Four Corners,	3	30	11	10.	9.83
Grisw'ldv'le—Inter.,	3	30	29	22.	20.17
Grisw'ldv'le—Pri.,	3	30	29	25.44	24.06
Miller,	2	20	8	8.	7.7
Shattuckville,	3	29	39	25.14	22.28
South,	1	10	6	6.	6.
Wilson Hill,	3	30	20	19.6	17.84

FINANCES.

Appropriations of town for payment of teachers, fuel and care of schoolrooms.....	\$2600 00
Appropriation of town for supplies.....	300 00
“ “ “ repairs.....	500 00
School fund.....	334 64
Dog fund from county.....	68 44
Quintus Allen fund (1891 and 1892).....	149 75
Tuition from District No. 1, Halifax, Vt.....	40 70
Appropriation of town for Superintendent's salary..	325 00
Appropriation of town for library	25 00
Total, ...	\$ 4,343 53

PAID SUNDRIES.

Wood.....	\$ 140 48
Cleaning school-buildings.....	36 14
Building fires and care of school-rooms.....	13 00
Freight.....	5 25
School furniture.....	43 36

Taking and recording census.....	8 00
Repairs of school-houses.....	465 80
Bills of previous year.....	2 75
Transportation.....	186 82
Printing and binding order books.....	4 00
Packing old school books.....	2 50
Teacher's board.....	14 00
Library .. .	8 85
Superintendent's salary to Feb. 18, 1893.....	256 31

Total.....	\$ 1,187 26
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PAID TEACHERS.

Emily Stacy.....	\$ 60 00
Katie M. Smith.....	60 00
Mattie H. Smith.....	130 00
Flora L. Sturtevant.....	60 00
Alice M. Dwight.....	120 00
Maud Purrington.....	174 00
Janie M. Mather.....	60 00
Chas. W. Cary	65 00
Mina L. Hillman.....	120 00
Nellie Brown.....	182 50
Cora Russell.....	107 50
Lena S. Donelson.....	110 00
Carrie L. Bolton.....	12 00
Effie Bowker.....	70 00
Sella Woodward.....	40 00
Jennie M. Gates.....	160 00
Millie Hall.....	60 00
Minnie L. Thayer.....	105 00
Lizzie Stratton.....	55 00
Wm. B. Conway.....	150 00
Mina J. Copeland.....	110 00
Grace C. Lilley.....	66 00
Luna A. Johnson.....	48 00
Emma L. Davis.....	195 00
Minnie Mann.....	57 50
A. Byron Smith.....	80 00

Total.....	\$ 2,457 50
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SCHOOL SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

Supplies on hand Feb. 20, 1892.....	\$ 40 34
Amount purchased during the year.....	444 14

	\$ 484 48
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Adamsville.....	\$ 53 78
Bardwell.....	13 24
Brick.....	27 66
Christian Hill.....	37 81
City.....	31 60
Elm Grove.....	27 03
Foundry—Primary.....	14 17
Foundry—Intermediate.....	56 49
Four Corners.....	19 81
Griswoldville—Primary.....	15 57
Griswoldville—Intermediate.....	56 89
Miller.....	9 18
Shattuckville.....	27 14
South.....	10 02
Wilson Hill.....	19 69

\$ 420 08

Amount of supplies on hand Feb. 14, 1893..... 44 74

Credit on Ginn & Co.'s books..... 19 66

\$ 484 48

RECAPITULATION.

Paid teachers.....\$ 2,457 50

Sundries 1,187 26

Amount of school supplies purchased..... 444 14

\$ 4,088 90

MISCELLANEOUS.

Number of schools in town, 15; Number of pupils between 8 and 14, 219; number of pupils between 5 and 15, according to census, 310; whole number attending school, 342; average membership, 269.5; average attendance, 246.43; number over 15 years, 18, number under 5 years, 3; whole number of month's school, 104.75; number of male teachers, 3; number of female teachers, 24.

Average wages of male teachers per month, \$29.33; average wages of female teachers per month, \$23.28; due from District No. 1, Halifax, Vt., \$38.87; due from the State on account of supervision, \$205.06; in hands of Library Trustees, \$16.15.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. SMITH,	} School Committee of Colrain.
W. H. KEMP,	
MRS. H. A. SMITH,	

Colrain, Feb. 14, 1893.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Committee of Colrain :

With great pleasure the first annual report of the district superintendent of schools is herewith presented.

The work has been chiefly along four lines. 1. Constant observation of the conditions of the several schools. 2. Personal work with individual teachers and classes to overcome special difficulties. 3. Lectures to teachers on the principles to be observed in teaching the several branches, in organizing their schools, and in discipline. 4. General organization of the schools with a view to securing systematic work toward a definite end, thus preventing vague efforts and consequent waste of time.

1. In order to make the inspection of the schools thorough, it seemed best to make the visits frequent and regular. Therefore, since the first term, the Superintendent has visited each school once in two weeks or an average beside special visits to schools in which there was special need of his services. The plan of this work is as follows: In the morning the superintendent is at some particular school a little before nine o'clock to see that the school begins promptly with appropriate exercises. He stays at this school, observing work, making suggestions or conducting classes until recess. During recess he drives to the next school, where he remains until the noon hour. During the noon hour he drives to the third school, usually taking lunch on the road. At recess in the afternoon he drives to the fourth school, where he remains until the closing. Whenever any particular needs appear in a school the visit to that school is prolonged to a half day or a whole day as the case may require. The superintendent's time is divided between the three towns as nearly as practicable according to the net cost of supervision to each town, which is as follows: Colrain, \$102.53; Buckland, \$80.98; Shelburne, \$66.49. This gives to Colrain 41 per cent. of the time, Buckland, 32.4 per cent.; and Shelburne, 26.6 per cent.

The amounts given above are in each case one-third of the appropriation of that town for a Superintendent. The other two-thirds are refunded by the State in the \$500 given to the towns of a district for teachers' salaries. The share of each town is two-thirds of the amount appropriated for the salaries of the Superintendent. In order to obtain the net increase of expense under supervision it is necessary to deduct from the net cost, given above, the decrease in the charges of the school committees. In some towns this decrease in the charges of committees has equaled or exceeded the net cost of supervision. The visits in Colrain are for the first term, 49; for the second term, 78; for the third term, 67; for the year, 194. The average number of visits for each school is for the first term, 3.8; for the second, 6; for the the third, 5.2; for the year, 15. This is an average of once in two weeks for each school for the year.

2. In my personal directions to the teachers, I have required that each school open promptly at 9 o'clock, that a suitable amount of time be given to each class each day in order that the first classes in the morning or the teacher's favorite classes might not consume too much time, crowd the others, or even cause some to be omitted. I have also asked teachers to place this program where pupils may refer to it for guidance in study. In matters of discipline teachers have been counseled to be considerate and just, but firm in those matters that are essential to the prosperity of the school. They have been told to consult with parents in every case of a serious nature and to avoid corporal punishment as far as possible. In reading, pupils have been required to get the thought and express it naturally. Very marked progress has been made. Its influence is apparent in those studies in which the child learns his lesson by reading from the text book. The value of improved methods in teaching primary reading has been clearly demonstrated. One little girl in particular comes to mind. Her parents do not speak English very extensively. Last spring she did not know a word or a letter. She is now reading nicely in the second reader and can spell correctly several hundred words. A reform in teaching spelling has been inaugurated whereby pupils are taught to spell and use correctly in sentences the common words of ordinary correspondence and business. It would be impossible, without using several pages,

to show fully the progress made during the year in language both oral and written. This is, perhaps, the most practical of the common school studies. One uses language every day. The work for the year may be briefly summarized thus: Pupils have been required to express their thoughts orally in complete sentences, using the proper grammatical forms, and to make connected statements in explanation of problems in arithmetic, in narration of facts of history, and in description of the geographical features of the various countries. They have studied the use of capitals and punctuation marks, letter writing, the common grammatical forms, abbreviations, etc. They have had constant practice in using this knowledge in written exercises. In geography great pains has been taken to make the knowledge gained seem real and to make clear the commercial relations between the various States and Nations as well as to show the relation of each fact to the earth as a whole. In some schools great interest in history has been excited by studying the geography of the countries and places alluded to and then grouping the historical facts around these places and the persons associated with them. Some attempts have been made to improve the instruction in penmanship. In a few schools, progress has been made in this line. The subject of drawing has been thoroughly discussed in the teachers' meetings by Mr. Sargent and a beginning has been made. Physiology has received due attention. The course of study in physiology gave a great impetus to instruction in that branch. In arithmetic much hard work has been done by both teachers and pupils. Teachers have been required to teach the new principle and thus avoid the necessity of doing each separate problem for each pupil. Pupils are expected to acquire the ability to perform any problem involving a given principle as well as to be able to solve the problems in the text book. The results have been all that could reasonably be expected in three terms. The Columbian celebration gave an excellent opportunity for lessons on patriotism and the significance of our flag. The opportunity was well improved and the results are without doubt of a permanent character. The personal work with the teachers and classes has been directed toward those subjects that the teacher found difficult and toward those classes that did not seem interested and were not making

satisfactory progress. Usually the Superintendent has been rewarded for these efforts by an immediate change for the better.

3. There have been six teachers' meetings during the year. At these meetings, the Superintendent, assisted by Mr. Fletcher and Mr. Sargent, agents of the State Board of Education, has given lectures or lessons upon the best methods of teaching the several branches. Among the subjects treated have been primary reading, advanced reading, primary language, advanced language, technical grammar, primary geography, advanced geography, history, number work, advanced arithmetic, drawing, nature study, illustrative sketching, penmanship, spelling, school management, discipline, methods common to all instruction, the essentials of successful work, the results that must be obtained. The Superintendent would have been glad to have several more teachers' meetings, but it was thought advisable not to take any more school days nor to make the teachers' meetings over burdensome to the teachers by requiring Saturday work.

4. The general organization of the schools has been accomplished by three means, the course of study, the method of grading, and the system of records. The course of study is by no means perfect, but it has proved of inestimable value in guiding teachers and pupils in their efforts. A good course of study makes the difference between aimless work from term to term and definite, systematic effort toward the accomplishment of a well-defined ideal. It has a perceptible influence upon the attendance, enthusiasm, and all-sided development of each pupil. Those completing the course of study satisfactorily will be admitted to Arms academy without examination. The method of grading allows the utmost freedom to each pupil and yet gives him something definite to accomplish and allows him the satisfaction of attaining to definite points at regular intervals in his course. The several grades do not for the country school represent necessarily so many years. In those schools grade examinations may be given and promotions may be made whenever a class or pupil gives evidence of proper preparation. A pupil need not be in the same grade in all branches, but should be as nearly so as is consistent with an unrestrained development of the individuality of each child. At the end of each term a care-

ful record is made of the progress of each pupil in each subject and the position he then holds with reference to the course of study.

This record enables the teacher to see at a glance the work of a particular pupil for several terms past. It enables the new teacher to organize her school in a few minutes upon the basis of the work previously done. It enables parents, committees, and the superintendent to form correct estimates of the character and extent of the knowledge imparted during any particular term or terms of school.

In closing this brief report I desire to express my gratitude to the teachers, the pupils, the parents and committee, who have co-operated with the superintendent so heartily in the performance of his duties.

A. L. SAFFORD.

Shelburne Falls, Mass., March 1, 1893.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF COLRAIN

FOR THE YEAR 1894-95

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Feb. 24, 1894	\$ 2091 59
Town of Halifax, Vt., tuition	18 64
City of Boston on account of McCarty children	104 00
State on account of Superintendent of Schools	260 00
Levi Davenport fund	50 00
S. C. Lincoln, peddler's license	6 00
George W. Warner, butcher's license	1 00
Corporation tax	269 30
Natinoal bank tax	87 49
Military aid, Chap. 279, Acts of 1889	103 00
State aid, Chap. 301, "	212 00
Dog fund from County Treasurer	90 43
Massachusetts school fund	345 09
H. F. Purrington, butcher's license	1 00
Town of Pittsfield on account of poor	23 51
Town of Williamstown "	23 51
John D. Miller, tax collector	8949 22
Town of Leyden, tuition	24 84
	\$12,660 62

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Selectmen's orders	\$ 7823 51
School Committee's orders	4333 91
Abatements on taxes of 1894	40 53
Cash on hand	462 67
	\$12,660 62

R. C. HILLMAN, Treasurer.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT of Dogs Licensed for the Year 1894-95.

DR.

Cash received from 67 licenses for male dogs, \$2 00	\$134 00
Cash received from 7 licenses for female dogs	35 00
	\$169 00

CR.

Cash paid County Treasurer	\$154 20
Clerk's fees	14 80
	\$169 00

R. C. HILLMAN, Town Clerk.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE MEMORIAL FUND.

Aug. 30, 1894, paid the Treasurer of the Memorial Building Committee all moneys in our hands \$394 16

C. A. MARCY,	}	Selectmen
R. M. COOMBS,		of
H. J. SMITH,		Colrain.

R. C. HILLMAN, Treasurer.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS:

We are once more before you with our annual report. You will see from the report that some of the appropriations were insufficient to meet the demands, as we found that some of the bridges were in poor condition and found it necessary to rebuild two bridges near the Pierce shop, also the abutments and bridge near the Red mill which cost about seven hundred and twenty-five dollars.

We also bought three small iron bridges at a cost of one hundred and seventy-five dollars. We changed the highway near the Four Corners schoolhouse, at the suggestion of the County Commissioners at a cost of about one hundred and twenty dollars, we also turned the brook at Elm Grove at a cost of one hundred and twenty dollars.

We would advise raising the rate of taxation as we find by the assessors books that the valuation on personal property has fallen off largely.

DISBURSEMENTS—HIGHWAYS.

Merrifield Brothers	\$	2 63
E. B. Smith		3 00
N. F. Shippee		5 10
A. B. Nelson		2 00
Thomas Storm		2 70
James Shearer		5 25
Geo. E. Matterson, building road		100 00
Geo. E. Matterson		20 00
Wm. Sessler		12 00
G. E. Matterson		22 87
G. E. Matterson, turning brook		100 00
Roberts Brothers		13 50
F. S. Fairbanks		2 25
A. O. Nelson		4 50
J. P. Bell		1 50
H. D. Bowen		6 45

John E. Bowen	8 10
S. E. Temple	17 06
G. H. Phillips	11 70
Fred Morgan	2 10
Edward Kendrick	3 00
O. H. Taylor	15 75
D. E. Brown	1 50
H. L. Pickett	1 50
H. A. Cook	2 40
E. D. Alexander	6 60
E. S. Alexander	9 00
L. H. Rodgers	3 50
W. E. Burrington	35 15
F. S. Miller	3 07
H. A. Scott	37 55
F. S. Upton	2 25
J. W. Burrington	6 00
Frank Jeffords	5 10
Merrifield Brothers	26 80
C. H. Vincent	3 75
Thomas Looman	3 00
H. D. Gilderdale	3 90
C. W. Maxam	7 27
G. O. Dunnell	6 60
J. Herzig	4 50
F. A. Walding	4 42
G. L. Pierce	5 63
O. M. Brown	59 50
E. J. Atherton	1 35
F. S. Fairbanks	4 50
Thomas Richards	6 00
Avery Brothers	3 00
H. M. Peterson	11 40
H. M. Stewart	2 25
Wm. Stewart	4 50
Edwin Southworth	5 25
H. A. Scott	1 35
Geo. W. Cary	10 45
R. W. Stacy & Son	6 00
Thompson Brothers	31 65
E. T. Cutting	1 50
E. J. Burrington	10 50
C. W. McGee	4 50
John A. Dwight	14 75

Amos Stewart	7 00
M. B. Crosier	2 62
E. H. Underwood	3 75
T. D. Williams	5 90
F. A. Dunnell	1 50
A. L. Stetson	2 03
F. D. Thompson	1 50
F. D. Taompson, stonewall and wire	18 25
Charles Beaudry	17 75
Godfry Schecktlar	1 50
C. E. Davenport	10 50
Luke White	1 60
W. H. Kemp	16 95
Wm. Martin	17 80
Milo A. Thompson	10 00
L. W. Stratton	6 00
Geo. D. Stetson	16 35
F. L. Kendrick	13 25
Geo. R. Patterson	14 25
J. W. Carpenter	24 75
E. W. Clark	12 75
Joel L. Clark	2 50
L. B. Stewart	3 00
C. M. Fairbanks	5 75
C. W. Smith	8 75
C. LaPiers	4 20
R. E. Martin	4 50
C. F. White	9 90
Orson Call	5 67
J. A. Galvin	8 88
C. Auger	7 85
John Churchill	2 55
C. Simonds	5 92
F. L. Purrington	5 20
R. J. Donelson	17 00
J. T. Miller	4 50
H. W. Thompson	12 00
Wm. M. Stacey	6 75
W. H. Bardwell	31 95
T. R. Miller	26 70
A. P. Nelson	24 30
James Looman	17 90
I. N. Joy	7 50
D. M. Pierce	3 00

H. C. Cromack	10 50
G. L. Miller	2 00
Wayne Hillman	24 00
Amos Carey	1 50
Griswoldville Mfg. Co.	13 57
C. B. Dennison	26 65
F. E. Cromack	4 50
D. W. Nelson	9 00
F. L. Brown	2 25
Joseph Lively	3 00
N. F. Shippee	9 15
R. C. Porter	3 20
Charles W. Smith	36 60
Chas. W. Smith, snowing bridge	5 30
J. B. Clark	5 00
E. J. Parker	75
Geo. H. Nelson	3 00
C. W. Hillman	2 25
John E. Davenport	5 25
E. R. Cobb	3 23
Eugene Atherton	1 50
James Carr	6 00
F. M. Thompson	18 75
Coombs Brothers	9 00
Wm. Sessler	31 65
A. W. Hinsdale	1 00
H. J. Smith	25 64
C. D. Miner	3 00
N. M. Walden	97
F. C. Joy	1 50
H. F. Purrington	3 00
G. R. Purrington	6 75
L. W. Babbitt	3 00
James Shearer	75
H. M. Underwood	1 50
Sarah Conant	3 00
J. P. Sturtevant	5 75
Newton C. Bond, surveying, plans and profile	136 58
G. A. Thompson	10 50
E. B. Smith	10 87
O. D. Kemp	12 00
M. M. Johnson	10 55
F. D. Thompson	1 95
Charles Call	75

H. A. Howard	1 43
C. G. Kehl	6 00
C. A. Marcy, tile	26 63
R. M. Coombs	24 80
John L. Clark	8 25
C. J. More	1 50
J. C. Thompson	75

\$1699 00

BRIDGE WORK AND LUMBER.

F. L. Kendrick, lumber	\$ 23 56
F. L. Kendrick, lumber	121 11
A. R. Bullock, work	30 00
H. A. Smith, plank	12 70
H. Newell & Co., iron	1 66
A. R. Bullock, work	33 00
James Looman, freight on bridge	15 00
Ed. Kendrick	16 50
E. S. Alexander, work	2 70
E. S. Alexander, lumber	38 37
Berlin Bridge Co.	114 20
James Looman, freight on bridge	5 13
James Looman, freight on bridge	7 79
L. D. Smith, labor	47 00
G. L. Pierce, lumber	7 40
Thomas Richards, labor	38 25
James Looman, freight on bridge	4 26
Geo. W. Cary, labor	37 13
R. W. Stacy & Son, labor	31 50
F. Galipault, labor	6 75
Eli Stone, labor	43 20
Ed. Kendrick, labor	5 72
Wm. Martin, lumber	5 00
Groton Bridge Co.	429 77
F. L. Kendrick, lumber	69 18
W. S. Allard Iron Works	13 65
C. LaPier,	21 20
Griswoldville Mfg. Co., lumber	6 84
D. W. Nelson, lumber	3 20
R. C. Porter, labor	12 00
H. Newell & Co., cement	7 00
H. J. Smith, lumber	4 27
H. J. Smith, cash paid	15 50
H. J. Smith, labor	130 15

R. A. Bullock, labor	3 00
E. B. Smith, labor	13 85
C. A. Marcy, roofing and tin	17 30
Stone & Clark, plank	10 50
G. L. Pierce, labor	2 25
F. B. Stone, plank	25 48
E. W. Coombs, plank	3 29
L. A. Brigham, lumber	3 92
F. W. Purrington, bridge work	2 00

\$1442 28

RAILING.

E. D. Alexander	\$ 9 57
E. S. Alexander	90
W. E. Burrington	7 77
Thomas Looman	12 00
G. O'Donnell	11 81
John A. Dwight	4 96
T. D. Williams	2 28
C. M. Fairbanks	79 77
C. W. Smith	6 00
W. H. Bardwell	3 75
Charles W. Smith	8 95
Wm. Sessler	11 20

\$108 96

SUPPORT OF POOR.

O. M. Brown, keeping tramps	\$ 7 00
Dennis Galvin, support McCarty child	104 00
F. A. Pond, house rent C. McCloud	14 00
Dr. J. W. Cram, on acc't Kate Chester	6 00
City of Fall River, support Robert Zimmerman	4 00
North Adams, Frank Bradley	6 65
F. P. Carr, for Sybel Tisdale	5 00
Henry Couillard, house rent C. McCloud	6 50
Anan Bass, support Sybel Tisdale	70 83
N'th'ton Lunatic Hospital, support of J. R. Fish	57 10
“ “ “ Rachel Jeffords	169 46
“ “ “ Elizabeth Young	169 46
W. H. Donelson, goods furnished Stoddard family	47 02
Wm. M. Smead, goods for Chas. McCloud	26 00
H. S. Swan, coffin and shroud for Sybel Tisdale	16 00
J. F. Canedy, medical attendance on Laures Lamarie	35 00

\$744 02

INCIDENTALS.

H. S. Meecham, inspector 1893	\$ 12 00
F. L. Stetson, printing statements	2 00
Frasier Carey, damage	15 00
Conant & Conant, counsel	32 00
E. A. Hall & Co., acct. assessors	75
E. A. Hall & Co., acct. selectmen	1 00
E. A. Hall & Co., town reports	37 00
C. T. Wolcott, surveying	10 00
Geo. E. Allen, repairs on road machine	16 50
Commonwealth of Mass., ink	2 00
H. S. Swan, cost of Underwood case	13 00
H. S. Swan, cost of Coburn case	7 98
E. F. Haskins, cost of Joseph Twing	10 37
J. C. Thompson, election officer	2 00
R. C. Hillman, express and stationery	5 88
R. C. Hillman, services as registrar	6 00
R. C. Hillman, carrying votes to Charlemont	4 00
Recording births, deaths and marriages	18 75
H. A. Howard, postage and stationery	1 33
H. W. Thompson, service as registrar	3 00
W. H. Donelson, powder and fuse	75
G. H. Carpenter, service as registrar	8 00
Dr. Cram, return of births	3 25
S. Allen's Sons, chain	2 00
H. S. Meecham, inspector 1894	63 50
Smith & Hillman, nails and paint	8 49
C. A. Marcy, lead pipe	3 10
E. Stratton, recording deed	50
A. A. Smith, highway damage	10 00
J. D. Miller, assessors' schedules	3 00
J. D. Miller, collector's book	1 75
J. D. Miller, tax bills	1 60
L. A. Brigham, damage crossing land	7 50
F. W. Purrington, election officer	2 00
	\$316 00

TOWN OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN.

C. A. Marcy	\$ 50 00
R. M. Coombs	40 00
H. J. Smith	40 00

ASSESSORS.

J. D. Miller	35 00
Jonathan E. Davenport	35 00
H. A. Howard	40 00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Jonathan E. Davenport	40 00
H. A. Howard	37 50
H. A. Howard, supply agent	20 00
R. C. Hillman, treasurer	50 00

HEARSEMEN

J. B. Clark	27 00
H. A. Smith	12 00
J. D. Miller, constable	5 00

 \$431 50

SEXTONS.

O. H. Taylor	\$ 4 00
G. E. Matterson	4 00
Robert Miller	20 00
F. W. Purrington	16 00

 \$44 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

State and military aid	\$ 528 00
Bond Franklin Savings Institution	
Interest	\$ 50 63
Principal	1000 00

 \$1050 63

State tax	\$ 520 00
H. M. Howard, memorial day appropriation	\$ 50 00
County tax	\$ 889 12
Abatements	\$ 40 35

RECAPITULATION.

Highways	\$ 1699 00
Bridges	1442 28
Railing	108 96
Incidentals	316 00
Support of poor	744 02
Town Officers	431 50
Sextons	44 00
Memorial day	50 00
Abatements	40 53

Interest and principal	1050 63
State and military aid	528 00
County tax	889 12
State tax	520 00
School committee orders	4333 91
	\$12,197 95

SUMMARY.

Receipts	\$12,660 62
Disbursements	\$12,197 95
Cash in treasury	462 67
	\$12,660 62

RESOURCES.

Cash in hands of Treasurer	\$462 67
Due from State on acct. State Aid	240 00
Due from State on acct. Military Aid	144 00
Due from City of Boston on acct. of McCarthy children	104 00
	\$950 67

ESTIMATED APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1895.

Highways and Bridges	\$3000 00
Incidentals	300 00
Support of poor	800 00
State and military aid	550 00
Town officers	550 00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. MARCY,	} Selectmen
ROBERT M. COOMBS,	
HENRY J. SMITH,	
	of
	Colrain.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have this day finished my examination of the accounts of the selectmen and find them correct.

I have also examined the accounts of the school committee and find them correct. The accounts of the school supply agent has also been investigated, and an inventory of the goods in his possession taken, and all is correct.

I have carefully examined the books of the town clerk and treasurer and made comparison with selectmen's and school orders as usual, and I certify that they are correct.

I have also taken an inventory of the personal effects of the town which are as follows: One derrick, needs new mast and boom, at C. L. Lepierre's. One new cable chain, at H. J. Smith's. Two drills. One-half barrel cement. One road machine, at J. B. Clark's. One old road machine, on Christian Hill. One hearse, three years old, needs new paint; one old one on runners, both in care of hearseman. One nearly new safe; one old one. One apparatus for sealing weights and measures. About 5 M. plank for bridges. Two iron bridges, not set up, value \$130.

Respectfully submitted,

H. O. SCOTT, Auditor.

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OF THE

School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF COLRAIN

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GREENFIELD, MASS.,
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SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1895-96.

SPRING TERM.—Begins Monday, April 15th, ends Friday, June 21st, 10 weeks.

FALL TERM.—Begins Tuesday, September 3d, ends Friday, Nov. 8th, 10 weeks.

WINTER TERM.—Begins Monday, December 2d, ends Friday, February 7th, 10 weeks.

HOLIDAYS.—April 19th, May 30th, September 2d and December 25th.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

JONATHAN DAVENPORT, Chairman.

HENRY A. HOWARD, Secretary,

CLIFTON L. FIELD.

CHARLES P. HALL, Superintendent.

TRUANT OFFICERS.

JOHN D. MILLER,

HIRAM S. MEACHAM.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS:

It is again our duty and privilege to make a report to you of our doings for another school year. We believe that in the aggregate, the year has been one of marked success. We shall not point to any particular school and say that there can be found perfection, because we believe that there is a chance yet for improvement in all our schools, but many of the schools have taken a decided step forward. It has been our aim to co-operate with the superintendent and so far as it is within our means to get the best teachers and supplies.

The world moves and with other improvements come those in the way of text books, slates, paper, pencils, etc. To get the best and at the same time the most for our money, is our constant aim. We have put a set of complete charts in each school during the year and made a change of spelling books, besides purchasing several copies of pamphlets to be used by the advanced classes as supplementary reading.

You can well remember when you sat in the old school-house with its straight backed seats and high maple counters with only a basswood partition between yourself and seatmate, how irresistible the temptation was to try that new jackknife. When the fathers began to present the advantages of the new schoolhouse with its modern furniture, you were made to feel that your sons and grandsons would almost become irresponsible beings as there would be no temptation to mar such fine surroundings. Time has proved that in spite of laws which give each

scholar every thing that he could desire to use in the schoolroom free of cost, there are still boys that are boys, and judging from some of the caricatures to be found on our schoolhouses, there is still some of your blood in your sons. With all the care and precaution of superintendent, committee and teachers, the matter of school supplies is an expensive one. The best way to care for our school property is to find plenty of work for the children, as "Satan will find work for idle hands to do." We have put hard pine sheathing on the walls and ceiling of the Christian Hill and Wilson Hill schoolhouses and the ceiling of the intermediate schoolroom at Griswoldville, enlarged the primary room at the Foundry, covered the roof of the Spurr with steel roofing, made repairs and improvements on several of the water closets, besides many other small repairs. There are no large repairs to be made this year, but about the usual amount of repairing to keep the schoolhouses comfortable. We believe that a change of primary geographies is advisable as the ones in our schools are nearly worn out and not nearly so practical as those of later publications.

If criticisms are to be made upon our doings as a school board we ask that they may come from those parents and citizens who have shown enough interest to have at least visited some school once during the year, and not from one who has passed judgment upon so important a matter from a mere heresay that may have come from some child as gossip.

We would recommend to your careful reading the report of our school superintendent, also we would advise the following appropriations for the coming year.

Teachers, fuel, care of schoolrooms	\$2600 00
Transportation	200 00
Supplies	250 00
Unpaid supply bills	187 85
School superintendent	360 00

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF COLRAIN:

I have the pleasure to present hereby my second report as Superintendent of Schools.

In the main we have followed the same plan as in the year before, aiming at greater efficiency in its workings, and amending it in several particulars.

In arithmetic especial attention has been given to drill in the simple operations with the purpose of securing greater accuracy and rapidity. The result has been very gratifying. As I said in my last report, this is the test applied to our pupils by the public, not a test of their work in cube root, compound proportion, annual interest, or the manipulation of puzzling problems. Measures, gill, pint, quart and gallon, have been put into all the schools, while the facts they represent are taught early and put to practical use in the schoolroom. Foot rules and yardsticks were used last year, and we hope to put in the dry measures the coming year.

Much is said in these days about nature study, and all the best schools are doing something in it. We began regular work along this line last spring. During the term the children brought to school all the wild flowers to be found in the locality. The name of the flowers and the date upon which it was found were kept upon the blackboard so that they could be easily referred to. A few minutes were taken each day in noting the peculiarities of the flowers brought in, and once a week a more careful study was made of some one. The results of this study were made the basis of sentences for the little folks to write and a language lesson for older ones, while all used it as an exercise in drawing. In some schools nearly two hundred specimens were brought in. During the fall term

we studied leaves, endeavoring to have the children learn by observation, description and drawing, the typical forms of our common leaves, as well as some of the peculiarities of the uncommon ones. In a few schools the children attempted with colored pencils to reproduce the beautiful tints which some of the leaves took on. This winter they have studied evergreens, but the work has been limited in some of the schools by lack of material.

The purpose of this study is not primarily to teach the children facts, but to train them to observe the things which lie all about us, and which may be made to contribute to our happiness if we learn to see them. In this, as in other studies, the results depend largely upon the enthusiasm of the teacher, but in most of the schools the children not only enjoyed the work but gained from it an inspiration to better work in other studies. We propose to continue it the coming year.

The work in reading is not satisfactory, although in most of the schools there has been decided improvement. The pupil too often hitches along over the words with no apparent knowledge of what he is reading. The teacher tells him the strange word, and he goes on limping as before. The only help for this word-calling, not reading, is in leading the pupil to get the thought of the sentence and then to express it.

In order to give them thoughts worth getting, we have put supplementary reading from the best authors into the upper grades, and I trust we can continue this and extend it to still lower classes. If we can give the children a taste of, and a love for good literature, we shall do them a lasting service,—one that will have much to do with the character of their future reading.

TEACHERS.

We have been especially unfortunate this year in having a large number of changes among our teachers. In several cases they have resigned to accept better positions else-

where; in some they have gone into other business; in others they have been dismissed on account of failure to appreciate the work in hand, or lack of ability to make their work successful.

No one has a right to seek the position of teacher simply for the money there is in it. The place involves too much responsibility for that. The true teacher has a higher motive and broader vision. She looks on into the future and realizes that she has much to do in fitting her pupils to meet its demands. She must have character and high purpose in her life, if she is to develop it in them. A few teachers seem to have failed to attain this high appreciation of their calling, while others have realized it to a large degree.

In one or two instances the parents have failed to stand by the teacher as they ought. It is highly prejudicial to the best interests of school or society for the parents to openly take sides with their children against the teacher, as long as she occupies the place. Law is too much weakened everywhere by the sympathy of otherwise good citizens with those who break it and are punished.

The pay of our teachers is so small that we cannot compete with many towns in retaining the best teachers, or getting such from other towns. I think however if the real sentiment of the town could be expressed, it would be such that the committee would feel warranted in increasing the pay of successful teachers, if necessary in order to retain their services.

The teachers' meetings have been well attended this year, and proved very helpful in the work. I wish to express my appreciation of the efforts made by the teachers to be present at every meeting possible. This means more than in towns where the schools are not so widely scattered. All our teachers attended the fall meeting of the County Association at Shelburne Falls, and most of them have taken time to visit other schools to see how teaching is done elsewhere.

SCHOOL PROPERTY.

In these days of scientific investigation much is said of the conditions of air and water as affecting the health of families and communities. All the arguments used in these discussions are especially pertinent to schools, crowded as they many times are, beyond their capacity with almost no means for ventilation, with out-buildings whose sanitary conditions oftentimes is an offence to the eyes as well as the nose. The condition of some of our school-houses has been such as to invite serious criticism from the standpoints of both health and morals. This year, however, the privies of several schools have been re-built and enlarged with separate closets for boys and girls. Others would have been rebuilt had we been able to get it done. This work should be done the coming summer. Ventilating boards have also been provided for the windows of all the schools by means of which a good current of air may be had without blowing upon the heads of the children.

The Christian Hill, Wilson Hill and Griswoldville Grammar rooms have been ceiled, the blackboards in all the schools have been repainted, and new ones made in several of them. New book-cupboards have been put into seven of the schools for the better preservation of the books. The primary room at the Foundry school has been enlarged much to the relief of pupils and teacher.

In some of the schools the pupils have misused the school property, marking, cutting and defacing the house and out-buildings, as well as the books and supplies. It may be necessary to require the parents of some of the children to pay for the damage done. There is too little respect for public property, and if children can be taught to care for it as their own, it will be a valuable lesson.

ATTENDANCE.

The attendance has been best this year in the Bardwell and Four Corners schools, and poorest in the Christian Hill and Foundry Primary schools.

There have been sixteen more pupils enrolled this year than last. The per cent of attendance is also a little better, being 90.5 this year and 90.3 last year. But the number of cases of tardiness stands 1244 this year, as against 917 last year, *an increase of 327 cases*. The number of dismissals this year is 559, while it was 762 last year. The amount of time lost from these two causes is less this year than last by 290 hours, but still the amount lost this year is 708 hours, or 118 school days.

This lack of attendance and punctuality in our schools is one of the most serious hindrances to their success. Every case of tardiness not only is a loss to the late pupil but his entrance seriously disturbs and hinders the work of the school, teacher and pupil alike. The absent pupil not only loses the time himself, but upon his return becomes a burden to the whole class while he is catching up what they have already done.

There is, moreover, a financial side of this question that I would like to present. You will see by the statistical report that the pupils of our schools have lost 5769 days by absence, and 708 hours, or 118 days, from tardiness, and dismissal, a total loss of 5887 days. This is more than one eighth of the total number of days of school during the year. The entire cost of the schools has been in round numbers \$4000. Hence the town has paid over one-eighth of this, \$500, for schooling children during their absence. Is not this too great a waste?

Let us all citizens, parents, committee, teachers and superintendent, make a united and determined effort the coming year to remedy this serious drawback in our school work, and endeavor that every child, so far as possible, shall be in school every day and be there on time.

In this connection I wish to call attention to the law in regard to attendance and truants as amended by the legislation of 1894. It is as follows:—

“Every person having under his control a child between the ages of eight and fourteen years, and, in cities and towns where indus-

trial training is taught, between the ages of eight and fifteen years, shall annually cause such child to attend some public day school in the city or town in which he resides, for at least thirty weeks if the schools are kept open that length of time, with an allowance of two weeks' time for absences not excused by the superintendent of schools, or the school committee; such period of attendance shall begin within the first month of the fall term of school, and for each five days of absence of any such child thereafter, in excess of the above allowance, before the completion of the required annual attendance of thirty weeks, the person having such child under his control shall, upon the complaint of the school committee or any truant officer, forfeit to the use of the public schools of such city or town a sum not exceeding twenty dollars; but if such child has been otherwise instructed for a like period of time in the branches of learning required by law to be taught in the public schools, or has already acquired the branches of learning required by law to be taught in the public schools, or if his physical or mental condition is such as to render such attendance inexpedient or unpracticable, such penalty shall not be incurred."

Arrangements have been completed and provision made in accordance with law, whereby we can send children convicted under the laws for truancy, to the Truant School at Goshen, Hampshire County.

One section of the law provides that "any minor convicted under a by-law made under section ten of being a habitual truant, or of persistently violating the rules and regulations of the common schools, shall be committed to any institution of instruction or suitable situation provided for the purpose, under the authority of said section or by-law, for a term not exceeding two years."

I think there are one or two boys in town who could be convicted under the last specification, and it may be a duty to the public to have it done.

Last May the ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps of this town generously gave to each school two flags to be used for indoor decoration. They were used in the exercises preceding Memorial Day and are kept displayed upon the walls of the schoolrooms. These and the outdoor flag with which each school is provided are constant reminders to the children of "the government for which it stands." Teachers are expected to have the flag dis-

played on all pleasant days. The exercises in the several schools upon the afternoon preceding Memorial Day, were full of interest and valuable lessons in patriotism. Members of the Grand Army by their presence and words added greatly to the interest and profit of the occasion.

In conclusion I desire to express my appreciation of the generous support accorded me by the committee and teachers. Whatever success we have had in our schools this year has come from our united effort.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES P. HALL, Superintendent.

Shelburne Falls, Mass., Feb. 19, 1895.

TRUANT OFFICERS' REPORT.

In the discharge of my duty as Truant Officer I have been called upon twelve times. In all these cases the children were at home by consent of their parents, who upon being notified, complied with the requirements of the law and sent them to school regularly.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN D. MILLER.

I have been called but twice at the Griswoldville school and upon investigation found the pupil had good reasons for staying out. At the Foundry Village two pupils were staying away from school; I saw their mother; there has been no trouble since to my knowledge.

H. S. MEACHAM.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

SCHOOL.	TEACHERS.	Terms.	Wages per Month.	Whole No. en- rolled.		Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance.	Cases of Tardiness.	Cases of Dismissal.	Days of Absence.	Time lost from Tardiness and Dismissal.
				Boys	Girls							
Adamsville	Fannie L. Abbey	1	\$ 28 00									H. M.
	Emma L. Davis	1	30 00	18	13	24.5	22.7	92.6	30	55	463	58-25
	Julia E. Sheehan	1	30 00									
	Jennie R. Fairbanks	1	36 00									
Bardwell	Gertrude Mowry	1	22 00									
	Sarah D. Miller	1	22 00	6	7	9.5	9.3	98.0	19	12	160	15-35
	Lula E. Bardwell	1	22 00									
Brick	Gladys C. Ameden	3	27 67	8	8	9.6	8.6	90.0	49	10	290	29-30
Christian Hill	Mina L. Hillman	3	24 00	15	15	19.9	17.6	84.7	37	15	434	20 45
City	Minnie L. Thayer	1	24 00									
	Mary A. Richards	2	26 00	11	11	17.6	15.9	90.3	110	73	770	54-30
Elm Grove	Fannie M. Wilder	1	28 00									
	Alice M. Kemp	2	28 00	8	8	11.0	10.4	93.9	73	7	105	17-39
FoundryGram.	Chas. W. Cary	1	30 00									
	Lillian S. Jeffrey	1	30 00	11	19	25.0	22.4	89.7	108	47	579	58-40
	Hattie S. Stone	1	30 00									
Foundry Prim.	Edith M. Clark	1	28 00									
	Minnie L. Cary	2	28 00	22	19	29.8	25.1	84.4	111	11	857	34-20
Four Corners	Helen A. Peterson	3	24 33	5	6	11.0	10.7	97.3	37	44	84	17-13
Gr'ville Gram.	Julia E. Hartwell	3	28 00	12	9	19.2	17.0	88.3	58	116	447	148-15
Griswoldville Primary	Minnie L. Cary	1	28 00									
	Winifred Church	1	26 00	20	14	28.4	25.3	89.2	123	54	472	56-25
	Lorena W. Peebles	1	26 00									
Miller	Daisy A. Cromack	1	22 00									
	Lottie A. Hicks	1	18 00	2	3	4.2	4.0	93.7	59	23	79	39-65
Shattuckville	Minnie E. Dwight	1	24 00									
	Maud M. Purrington	3	28 00	18	12	22.7	21.1	92.8	114	18	266	46-05
Spurr	Myra S. Clark	1	22 00									
	Grace L. Ware	2	24 00	8	6	9.7	8.6	87.5	204	37	593	75-35
Wilson Hill	Gertrude L. Marston	1	26 00									
	Lorena W. Peebles	1	26 00	9	10	16.8	15.7	93.7	112	37	260	35-35
	Marian D. Watson	1	26 00									
Totals			\$393 60	173	160	258.9	234.4	90.5	1244	559	5769	708.37

The school year was thirty weeks.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

RESOURCES.

Town appropriation for schools	\$3250 00
Town appropriation for superintendent	300 00
Rebate from State on acct. supervision	260 00
State school fund	345 09
Dog fund	90 43
Tuition received from Halifax, Vt.	18 64
Tuition received from Leyden	24 84
	\$4289 00

PAID SUNDRIES.

Wood	\$ 128 46
Cleaning school buildings	24
Building fires and care of schoolrooms	18 60
Repairs of schoolhouses	295 61
Old bills	106 70
Transportation	191 50
Supt. C. P. Hall, salary from Feb. 1, '94 to Feb 1, '95	360 00
Paid teachers	2988 60
Supplies purchased during the year	421 36
	\$4534 83

SCHOOL SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

Supplies on hand Feb. 17th, 1894	\$ 61 07
Supplies purchased during the year	421 36
	\$482 43
Adamsville	\$ 41 10
Bardwells	26 11
Brick	19 63
Christian Hill	33 40
City	32 83
Elm Grove	22 46
Four Corners	29 13

Foundry Primary	25 46
Foundry Intermediate	32 54
Griswoldville Primary	32 77
Griswoldville Intermediate	23 47
Miller	16 15
Shattuckville	21 63
Spurr	29 46
Wilson Hill	33 91

Total	\$420 05
Supplies on hand Feb. 19th, 1895	\$62 48

RECAPITULATION.

Paid teachers	\$2988 60
Sundries	1125 87
Supplies purchased during the year	421 36

MISCELLANEOUS.

Average wages male teachers per month	\$ 30 00
Average wages female teachers	25 00
Due from Halifax Vt. for tuition	16 64
Mr. Lynde, Leyden, tuition	8 32
Enos Stanton, Leyden, tuition	8 32
Shelburne, tuition	4 16
Supply bills paid	233 51
Supply bills unpaid	187 85

Respectfully submitted, .

J. E. DAVENPORT,	} School Committee.
H. A. HOWARD,	
C. L. FIELD,	

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

Cash on hand Feb. 17, 1894	\$34 65	
Cash received from town treasurer, Feb. 18, 1895	25 00	
Cash received from fines since Nov. 1, 1892	1 68	
Paid for 34 vols. new books	\$34 55	\$61 33
Paid for express and postage	1 41	
Paid for record book	75	
		\$36 71
Balance on hand, Feb. 19th, 1895		
No. of vols. in library Feb. 19th, 1895, 480.		\$24 62

J. E. DAVENPORT,	}	Board of Trustees.
H. A. HOWARD,		
C. L. FIELD,		

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following pupils have not been absent, tardy or dismissed during the number of terms mentioned :

ADAMSVILLE.

ONE TERM.—Jennie Burns, Frank Brown, Seth Curtis.

BARDWELL SCHOOL.

TWO TERMS.—Edward Browning.

ONE TERM.—Bertha Browning, Roy Browning, Elwin Johnson.

BRICK SCHOOL.

TWO TERMS.—Harvey Copeland, Lester Fairbanks.

ONE TERM.—Eva Copeland, Elsie Matteson, Edward Bolton, Lucian Miner.

CHRISTIAN HILL.

TWO TERMS.—Alice Bell, Bessie Hillman, Elsie Vincent, Nellie Vincent.

ONE TERM.—Mina Bell, Edna Kemp, Earl Kemp, Percy Kemp.

"CITY."

ONE TERM.—May Gilchrist, George Bushey.

ELM GROVE.

TWO TERMS.—Hazel Warner, Martiel Warner, Ray Warner.

FOUNDRY GRAMMAR.

ONE TERM.—Susie Dunton, Lyman Faulkner.

FOUNDRY PRIMARY.

TWO TERMS.—Frank Faulkner.

ONE TERM.—Rose Colburn, Ida LaPlant, Margaret Larned.

FOUR CORNERS.

THREE TERMS.—Lewis Martin.

ONE TERM.—Mavie Miner.

GRISWOLDVILLE GRAMMAR.

THREE TERMS.—Laura McClellan.

ONE TERM.—Katie Howard, Bertha Read.

GRISWOLDVILLE PRIMARY.

ONE TERM.—Bell Howard, Florence Howard, Leon Streeter.

SHATTUCKVILLE.

TWO TERMS.—Jesse Lively, Ralph Purrington.

ONE TERM.—Addie Miller, Ruth Purrington, Fred Billiel, Ray Frary, Oliver Lively, Ross Purrington, Lewis Trumble.

SPURR SCHOOL.

THREE TERMS.—William Cromack.

WILSON HILL.

TWO TERMS.—Grace Smith.



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TREASURER'S REPORT.

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE TOWN OF COLRAIN FOR THE
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 20, 1896.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand February 20, 1895,	\$ 462 67
City of Boston, on acct. McCarty children,	104 00
Town of Halifax, Vt., tuition,	16 64
Packard National Bank, temporary loan,	2,000 00
Town of Shelburne, tuition,	4 16
Levi Davenport fund,	50 00
State on acct. superintendent of schools,	260 00
State on acct. corporation tax,	354 72
State on acct. national bank tax,	86 09
State on acct. military aid, Chap. 279, Acts of 1889,	144 00
State on acct. state aid, Chap. 301, Acts of 1889,	240 00
George W. Warner, butcher's license,	1 00
H. F. Purrington, butcher's license,	1 00
Charles C. Hubbell, license for sale of clothing,	5 00
City of Pittsfield, on acct. Mrs. Stoddard,	50 90
Town of Williamstown, on acct. Mrs. Stoddard,	50 90
Samuel Lincoln, peddler's license,	6 00
Town of Heath, on acct. of Geo. Temple,	18 00

Cash Parker D. Martin, acct. fine in case of M. J. Benjamin,	\$ 100 00
County treasurer, on acct. of stone,	6 00
County treasurer, on acct. dog fund returned,	98 50
State income of Mass. school fund,	425 60
John D. Miller, tax collector,	4,540 36
Robert Smith, tax collector,	4,579 11
School committee,	10
	\$13,604 75

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Eugene A. Newcomb, county tax,	\$ 827 58
State treasurer, state tax,	360 00
Public library trustees,	25 00
Librarian of public library,	25 00
Post 20, G. A. R., Memorial Day appropriation,	50 00
Selectmen's orders,	6,463 82
School committee's orders,	4,320 14
Superintendent of schools,	360 00
Assessors' abatements on taxes of 1895,	115 49
Packard National Bank,	518 25
Cash on hand,	539 47
	\$13,604 75

R. C. HILLMAN, Treasurer.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

OF DOGS LICENSED FOR THE YEAR 1895-96.

DR.

To cash received from 70 licenses for male dogs, \$2,	\$140 00
cash received from 5 licenses for female dogs, \$5,	25 00
	\$165 00

CR.

By cash paid county treasurer,	\$150 00
clerk's fees,	15 00
	\$165 00

R. C. HILLMAN, Town Clerk.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS :

Another year has rolled around and we find that we have expended in some cases more than our appropriations.

We were called before the county commissioners on the thirteenth of June with a petition for specific repairs on the Green River road. The commissioners suggested some repairs which we made at a cost of about three hundred and fifty dollars.

The abutment we built at Shattuckville, experts estimated to cost from five hundred to seven hundred dollars, cost about thirteen hundred and fifty dollars. We found quicksand and a large spring at the bottom, so we had to go down about eight feet below the river bed and make a crib to hold the water back, which was as much expense as building the abutment. We could not get good stone so thought best to use cement which added about one hundred dollars to the cost.

The new bridge at Shattuckville has not been accepted yet.

DISBURSEMENTS—HIGHWAYS

Merrifield Bros.,	\$3 30
M. S. Harris,	6 75
L. A. Brigham,	4 20
Geo. T. Purrington,	5 70
W. H. C. Smead,	4 00
S. E. Temple,	3 50
E. A. Pike,	7 12
Chester W. Smith,	4 50
C. L. Donelson,	9 00

A. L. Fish,	\$3 00
W. S. Carpenter, .	1 80
H. Bushey,	75
H. L. Picket,	1 50
F. S. Upton,	2 00
J. D. Hardy,	2 70
A. O. Nelson,	11 20
F. L. Shearer,	13 50
G. Sheckerle,	3 75
C. Lepere,	18 37
E. Auger,	75
Wm. Sessler,	30 00
Geo. Bolton,	9 30
H. A. & G. L. Steele,	9 80
Thompson Bros.	44 40
Wm. Martin,	37 00
G. H. Phillips,	10 95
C. W. Maxam,	6 45
John E. Bowen,	7 50
C. B. Dennison & Son,	53 15
E. T. Cutting,	6 45
Merrifield Bros.	21 00
Wm. Sessler,	34 50
Albert Herzig,	6 75
Fremont Purrington,	10 05
H. L. Pickett,	1 50
E. LaPlant,	1 50
Joseph Herzig,	5 25
F. L. Shearer,	3 75
G. E. Matteson,	29 30
J. W. Carpenter,	35 25
O. H. Taylor,	19 50
H. A. Scott,	44 21
Avry Bros,	7 35
M. O. Nichols,	25 97
H. M. Stewart,	9 00

Geo. W. Cary,	\$17 40
O. E. Vincent,	2 62
D. H. Brown,	3 43
A. L. Fish,	5 25
S. E. Temple,	29 32
E. D. Alexander,	4 95
C. Fink,	2 40
E. S. Alexander,	10 55
John Sturtevant,	4 00
E. W. Clark,	21 00
Charles Beaudry,	25 80
Moses Stone,	5 85
Geo. McClellen,	4 95
C. Webster Smith,	7 05
C. Webster Smith, snowing bridge,	3 75
Wm. Coombs,	12 51
N. M. Walden,	8 75
H. M. Peterson,	12 71
Geo. L. Pierce,	18 45
E. R. Cobb,	24 65
D. Lusty,	3 40
H. B. Gilderdale,	12 45
John N. Miner,	36 50
Joseph Lively,	4 75
E. Kendrick,	13 85
O. M. Brown,	24 50
O. M. Brown, snowing bridge,	5 00
J. A. Dwight,	14 10
C. Simmons,	9 45
Fred. Real,	3 30
W. W. Cressy,	1 50
C. W. Hillman,	3 68
J. W. Burrington,	6 00
P. Voran,	1 50
Wm. Stewart,	14 75
Joel L. Clark,	1 50

I. N. Joy,	\$7 50
W. H. Apt,	12 77
H. S. Browning,	42 11
O. B. Kendrick,	3 00
David Davenport,	1 20
S. B. Johnson,	3 30
W. E. Burrington,	37 10
E. B. Smith,	19 90
Orson Call,	7 40
F. L. Upton,	7 50
C. H. Vincent,	5 25
Geo. R. Purrington,	3 00
Geo. D. Stetson,	21 00
James Looman,	7 70
F. A. Walden,	9 75
L. W. Fairbanks,	11 52
F. W. Jeffards,	3 45
E. J. Burrington,	16 20
T. R. Mills,	26 81
C. M. Fairbanks,	4 50
F. S. Fairbanks,	3 00
Amos Stewart,	28 35
E. A. Pike,	9 00
J. P. Bell,	2 78
A. W. Hinsdale,	3 00
J. B. Clark,	19 75
I. G. Call,	2 10
Geo. Dunnell,	4 35
E. Greene,	3 00
Oscar Fairbanks,	1 50
O. E. Vincent,	4 95
L. B. Stewart,	7 50
G. W. Call,	1 50
A. A. Smith,	15 35
Joel Cone,	6 70
F. E. Cromack,	9 00

F. A. Dunnell,	\$8 77
C. F. White,	9 15
D. F. Thompson,	47 78
T. D. Williams,	1 50
A. P. Nelson,	25 80
R. E. Martin.	13 50
Charles Call,	3 00
A. O. Nelson,	5 00
Clarence McGee,	1 50
M. A. Thompson,	11 25
R. W. Stacey & Son,	10 72
Merrifield Bros.,	9 90
Charles W. Smith,	31 50
Charles W. Smith, snowing bridge,	3 00
H. C. Cromack,	14 25
Charles Donelson,	7 87
C. E. Davenport,	1 50
O. D. Kemp,	2 25
S. E. Wood,	1 50
Roberts Bros.,	4 35
L. W. Babbett,	90
James Carr,	45
C. B. Dennison,	4 55
Thompson Bros.,	3 50
W. H. Bardwell,	30 15
R. J. Donelson,	2 00
Horace Kemp & Son,	71 55
G. A. Thompson,	7 50
C. D. Mines,	16 50
Thomas Richards,	5 25
F. L. Kendrick,	12 50
F. W. Conant,	6 60
F. L. Purrington,	5 50
Elias Bardwell,	14 10
M. S. Harris,	18 35
James A. Galvin,	18 00

F. M. Thompson,	\$10 20
R. C. Porter,	2 00
Joseph Lively,	2 25
H. W. Thompson,	10 12
H. W. Thompson, snowing bridge,	2 00
M. M. Johnson,	28 88
F. P. Carr,	75
L. B. More & Son,	9 00
F. F. Shippee,	10 28
John L. Clark,	3 97
Geo. R. Paterson,	6 00
John Churchill,	75
Wayne Hillman,	30 50
M. B. Crosier,	3 00
F. M. Thompson,	8 25
J. B. Cromack,	3 00
John E. Davenport,	2 25
E. R. Cobb,	1 05
G. A. Thompson, damage to mowing,	3 00
Robert Mills,	1 50
E. W. Coombs,	4 50
H. J. Smith,	24 13
H. J. Smith, cash paid for labor,	3 20
C. A. Marcy,	3 00
H. Newell & Co., tile,	63 25
R. M. Coombs,	29 47
Jonathan E. Davenport,	3 10
H. A. Howard,	3 15
F. Joy,	1 35
G. L. Pierce,	1 50
Thomas O'Brien,	14 35
Total,	\$2,052 96

BRIDGEWORK AND LUMBER.

George T. Purrington,	\$15 50
Geo. W. Carey, plank,	35 63

E. H. Pleasant,	\$3 40
H. Newell & Co., iron,	2 75
W. S. Carpenter,	2 70
John Plant,	1 50
Charles Wolfram,	2 25
Thompson, Bros.,	19 50
Thompson Bros., lumber,	3 42
Fitchburg R. R. Co., freight on bridge,	21 29
Frank Irving, stone,	9 00
D. E. Alexander, lumber,	9 22
E. S. Alexander, lumber,	17 76
John Sturtevant,	2 00
C. Webster Smith,	2 50
G. L. Pierce,	3 00
Thompson Bros.,	48 43
F. L. Kettridge & Son, building abutment,	1,155 88
F. I. Webster, cement,	86 40
E. Kendrick,	9 00
E. Kendrick, lumber,	84
J. A. Dwight,	3 00
W. S. Carpenter,	1 00
E. B. Smith,	11 90
Groton Bridge & Mfg Co., bridge at Griswoldville,	250 00
Amos Stewart, lumber,	2 15
Clayton Roberts, labor,	13 50
F. A. Dunnell,	3 30
F. A. Dunnell, lumber,	2 80
C. F. White,	2 00
Charles W. Smith,	1 65
H. M. Purrington,	4 05
Lynd Bros., plank,	3 30
W. H. Donelson, plank,	13 68
C. N. Carpenter,	2 00
Byron Call,	1 50
W. S. Allard, iron work,	2 80
G. E. Hathaway,	8 10

F. L. Kendrick, plank,	\$72 84
M. M. Johnson,	1 50
M. M. Johnson, lumber,	4 49
Wood & Dennison, nails,	1 92
S. Allen's Sons, bolts,	1 51
H. J. Smith,	97 60
B. F. Stone, boards,	21 00
Stone & Clark, plank,	60 58
A. E. Fairbanks, shingles,	17 50
Jonathan E. Davenport, lumber,	2 00
G. L. Pierce,	75
Total,	\$2,060 39

RAILING.

Harris & Miner,	\$ 1 80
Fremont Purrington,	10 76
Charles W. Hillman,	21 00
John Sturtevant,	27 47
C. Webster Smith,	16 45
Luke White,	12 71
C. M. Fairbanks,	8 55
Geo. O. Dunnell,	16 89
F. A. Dunnell,	18 36
C. F. White,	3 63
Merrifield Bros.,	12 21
Charles W. Smith,	10 24
W. H. Bardwell,	3 00
H. W. Thompson,	2 75
H. J. Smith,	4 70
G. L. Pierce,	2 44
Total,	\$172 96

SUPPORT OF POOR.

O. M. Brown, keeping tramps,	\$5 00
Dennis Galvin, support of McCarty boy,	78 00

Rev. W. B. Smith, officiating at funeral of Sybel Tisdale,	\$3 00
W. H. Donelson, goods for Stoddard family,	101 79
Northampton lunatic hospital, support R. Jeffards,	170 39
Northampton lunatic hospital, support Elizabeth Young,	170 39
Northampton lunatic hospital, support J. R. Fish,	41 79
Town of Williamsburg, goods furnished Chas. Bresett,	27 33
Dr. J. W. Cram, medical attendance J. T. Mills,	7 50
Dr. J. W. Cram, medical attendance H. M. Underwood and family,	49 75
Wm. H. Wilson, support of Marie Wilson,	27 00
H. S. Swan, coffin and box for Geo. Temple,	13 00
Town of Whateley, burial Geo. Cook,	30 44
R. A. Cone, keeping tramps,	1 50
Total,	\$726 88

INCIDENTALS.

Geo. L. Pierce, perambulating town line	\$2 00
Milo Sprague, storing road machine,	1 00
J. F. Severance, coal,	7 66
Massamett Yarn Mill, coal,	3 15
Lampson & Goodnow Mfg. Co., coal,	12 46
J. B. Clark, collecting deaths,	7 25
Charles W. Smith, perambulating town line,	2 00
Elias Bardwell, service as registrar '94 and '95,	12 00
H. W. Thompson, services as registrar,	6 00
F. P. Carr, painting hearse,	15 00
J. D. Miller, insurance on town hall,	8 75
C. Bryant, cost in Benjamin case,	6 06
J. W. Cram, return of births,	4 50
H. S. Swan, Bedett case,	13 40
G. H. Carpenter, services as registrar,	6 00
F. L. Stetson, printing town reports and stationery,	47 15
E. A. Hall, collector's book,	1 75
C. T. Bagnall, printing tax schedules,	11 40

D. E. Bartlett, for fire company and engine, and teams to fire, June 13, 1895,	\$85 00
J. C. Thompson, election officer,	2 00
E. W. Coombs, perambulating town line,	2 00
Smith & Hillman, nails and powder,	4 34
J. T. Davis, inspecting bridge,	1 00
Conant & Conant, counsel in Benjamin case,	12 00
R. C. Hillman, services as registrar,	8 00
R. C. Hillman, carrying votes to Charlemont,	4 00
Recording births, deaths and marriages,	21 45
R. C. Hillman, express and stationery,	8 12
H. J. Smith, drawing and setting boundary stone,	3 00
H. J. Smith, perambulating town line,	5 00
C. A. Marcy, paid express,	3 02
C. A. Marcy, postage and stationery, 1894,	2 63
C. A. Marcy, postage and stationery, 1895,	3 67
R. M. Coombs, perambulating town line,	3 00
H. O. Scott, powder and fuse,	2 02
J. D. Miller, tax bills,	1 60
E. A. Hall, notice,	1 00
F. W. Purrington, wood,	1 50
F. W. Purrington, ballot clerk,	2 00
Total,	\$343 88

TOWN OFFICERS.

TREASURER

R. C. Hillman,	50 00
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SELECTMEN.

C. A. Marcy,	50 00
R. M. Coombs,	40 00
H. J. Smith,	40 00

ASSESSORS.

C. A. Marcy,	40 00
R. M. Coombs,	25 00
H. J. Smith,	25 00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Jonathan E. Davenport,	\$35 00
Henry A. Howard,	35 00
Henry A. Howard, supply agent,	25 00
C. L. Field,	20 75

AUDITORS.

H. O. Scott, for 1895,	3 25
H. O. Scott, auditing collector's book, 1896,	1 50

HEARSEMAN.

J. B. Clark,	33 00
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SEXTONS.

George E. Matteson,	8 00
H. J. Smith,	26 00
Robert Mills,	6 00

INSPECTORS.

H. S. Meacham,	61 75
C. Webster Smith,	6 50

TRUANT OFFICER.

H. S. Meacham,	6 00
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CONSTABLE.

J. D. Mills,	5 00
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Total,	\$542 75
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RECAPITULATION.

Highways,	\$2,052 96
Bridges,	2,060 39
Railing,	172 96
Support of poor,	726 88
Incidentals,	343 88
Town officers,	542 75
Memorial Day,	50 00
Abatements,	115 49
Interest <u>and</u> principal Packard National Bank,	518 25
State <u>and</u> military aid,	564 00
School committee's orders,	4,320 14

Superintendent of schools,	\$360 00
County tax,	827 58
State tax,	360 00
Librarian of public library,	25 00
Public library trustees,	25 00
Cash in hands of treasurer,	539 47
Total,	\$13,604 75

SUMMARY.

Receipts,		\$13,604 75
Disbursements,	\$13,065 28	
Cash in treasury,	539 47	
		\$13,604 75

RESOURCES.

Cash in hands of treasurer,	\$539 47
Due from state on acct. state aid,	272 00
Due from state on acct. military aid,	144 00
City of Boston on acct. of poor,	78 00
Uncollected taxes of 1895,	335 81
	\$1,369 28

TOWN DEBT.

Notes at Packard Bank,	\$1,500 00	
Groton Bridge & Mfg Co.,	1,400 00	
		2,900 00
Balance against the town,		\$1,530 72

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. MARCY,	} Selectmen of Colrain.
ROBERT M. COOMBS,	
HENRY J. SMITH,	

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have this day completed my examination of the accounts of the selectmen, town clerk, treasurer and school committee, and hereby certify that they are correct. I find the personal effects of the town as follows: Two road machines, two hearses, one derrick, one cable chain, one safe, one old safe (worthless), one sealing apparatus. The number of volumes in library is 400. The school supplies are as stated in the committee's report.

Respectfully submitted,

H. O. SCOTT, Auditor.

COLRAIN, Feb. 20, 1896.

I have this day finished my examination of the collector's books and find the amount of uncollected taxes to be \$331.19, some having been collected since the books of the selectmen were closed. Owing to the illness of Mr. J. D. Miller, it has been necessary to audit the collector's books twice, thus making additional expense.

H. O. SCOTT, Auditor.

COLRAIN, Feb. 20, 1896.

TOWN OF COLRAIN.
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
FEBRUARY,
1896.

1896
WALDEN & CRAWLEY, BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS,
North Adams, Mass.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1896-97.

SPRING TERM.—Begins Monday, April 13 ; ends Friday, June 19, 10 weeks.

FALL TERM.—Begins Monday, August 31 ; ends Friday, November 20, 12 weeks.

WINTER TERM.—Begins Monday, November 30 ; ends Friday, January 22, 8 weeks.

HOLIDAYS.—Labor Day and Christmas.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

JONATHAN E. DAVENPORT, Chairman,
CLIFTON L. FIELD, Secretary, HENRY A. HOWARD, Supply Agent,
CHARLES P. HALL, Superintendent.

TRUANT OFFICERS.

ROBERT MILLER,

HIRAM S. MEACHAM.

SCHOOL REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS :

We come to you with the report of our doings for another year. It has been our aim to make the most out of and do the best with the means that were at our command. Special effort has been made to improve the sanitary condition of our school houses. With the aid of ventilation and thermometers we have tried to govern the temperature of the school rooms so that the scholars may be in a condition to do the best work possible. Your committee are more than ever impressed with the practicability of bringing together the smaller schools so that we may give the scholars better privileges and at the same time save expense for the town. We have put Frye's Primary Geography into our schools during the past year and hope to soon get the higher book by the same author. Our method of exchanging text books has been to make the change at a time when our stock of books is low so that with what we can get allowed for our old books in exchange it has been but a small extra cost to make the change. It has been our purpose to get the best teachers obtainable and to keep them so long as their work was progressive. It is needless for us to say that in some cases we have been disappointed, but for the larger part our teachers have done honor to themselves and given a fair return for the wages paid them. We would refer you to the report of our superintendent for a synopsis of the work as laid out and carried on in our schools. In closing we would thank you for your co-operation with us. We would recommend the following appropriations :

Teachers, fuel, care of school houses,	\$2,500 00
Transportation,	300 00
Supplies,	300 00
School superintendent,	360 00

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF COLRAIN :

I have the pleasure to present hereby my third report as Superintendent of Schools.

But little change has been made this year in the line of work, but the effort has been to make the work stronger, more practical and more efficient.

In arithmetic we have given much attention this year to mental work and to drill in simple operations, aiming at greater accuracy and rapidity. In teaching a knowledge of processes and the analysis of problems small numbers only are used. In fact, many difficult and complex examples are passed over entirely, while cube root, equation of payments, progressions and alligations stand aside to give place to more practical subjects.

The language work in the lower grades consists in having the children copy and write from dictation sentences and paragraphs involving the mechanical part of language expression ; but, later in the course, the pupil is directed in the study of language itself to get the strength and beauty in its wording, and, finally, takes up enough of technical grammar to give him a knowledge of grammatical forms which are recognized as essential to correct speech. Parsing of words and analysis of sentences should be pursued only so far as they contribute to a better knowledge of grammatical forms or the use of better English.

The supplementary reading that we have used this year more extensively than heretofore is very helpful in the line just mentioned.

For the pure clear language of Hawthorne, Hans Andersen, Whittier and Longfellow, which the children have been reading this year has furnished them a continued picture of words of beauty, words of strength and words of varied expression. I hope we can do still more in this direction the coming year with the purpose of so shaping the reading taste of the children that they will seek for the better class of books in our libraries and of stories in our papers.

We cannot too highly estimate the value for life which would accrue to our boys and girls if they went out from our schools with a fixed desire for good reading. What a wonderful impulse it would be to their highest aims in life, and what a barrier to the weakening influence of bad literature upon body, mind and soul.

At the beginning of the fall term we started with the new state course in drawing, and in a good number of the schools quite fair work has been done. Mr. Sargent, the state agent, gave our teachers two lessons this winter which were very helpful. We hope to have him again in the spring.

In many of the schools the writing has had special attention and marked improvement has been made. Many children in the second and third years can write better than the fathers and mothers ever could. This is one feature of the new education.

Frye's geographies, recently issued, are a revolution in geography making and will cause a revolution in its teaching. We introduced the small book in the spring and it has been a delight to the pupils and live teachers who have used it. I hope we can have the large book next year.

There has been much discussion during the past two years upon the desirability of introducing more studies into our grammar grades but it seems to me that the time has not yet come when the schools outside of the cities and larger villages can profitably take on additional subjects of study. Better results will be reached by doing more thorough work in the subject we have than by scattering the energies of the pupils among a larger number of studies.

GRADING. An effort has been made this year to grade all our schools and the result has been quite satisfactory. While the grading cannot be as thorough as in large villages and towns, yet in what

we have done the teachers can better follow the course of study, and thus compare the work they are doing with that done by teachers in more closely graded schools. The tendency of grading is to reduce the number of classes and thus secure more time for class instruction and class drill. Sometimes parents are unwisely troubled when their children are put back a few pages in the text books for the sake of getting them into a larger class, reducing the number of classes and getting more time for class drill. The number of pages in a text book that a child goes over is not so essential as the mental discipline and drill that he receives.

TEACHERS. This year, as last, we have been unfortunate in having too many changes among our teachers. Several causes have contributed to bring this about. The wages we pay in most of our schools is so small that it prevents our competing with other towns in securing better teachers or retaining our own best ones. This necessitates much experimenting with inexperienced teachers, some of whom prove successful, while others fail to enter into the spirit of their calling or lack some elements of character necessary to success.

The true Teacher is not satisfied with giving the six hours, from nine until four, or of teaching simply for the day or the money it brings. She has a far-reaching plan which looks to the development of character, and inspiring noble purposes in the mind and heart of her children. To secure this is not the work of a day, but means a high aim and noble purpose in the life of the teacher, accompanied by an enthusiasm that shall beget the same in her pupils. And the teacher will fail of this if she allows her resources, physical, mental and moral, to be so wasted in practices outside the school-room that she cannot give the best she has to her school. Some of our teachers have given their best; others have not.

The teachers' meetings have been well attended and the teachers have seemed to appreciate the efforts made to assist them in their work.

ATTENDANCE. The attendance has been best this year in the Elm Grove, Bardwell and Adamsville schools, and poorest in the Shattuckville, Foundry Primary and Foundry Grammar schools.

There have been twelve fewer pupils enrolled this year than last. The per cent. of attendance is a little better, being 90.8 this year and 90.5 last year. But the number of cases of tardiness stands 1,283 this year, as against 1,244 last year, an increase of 39 cases. The number of dismissals this year is 488, while it was 559 last year. The amount of time lost from these two causes this year is eight hours less than last year, but still the amount lost this year is 700 hours, or *116 school days*. The number of days of absences this year is 3,157, which added to the 116 days above gives a total loss of 2,273 days.

After pupils have been absent from school five consecutive days they are dropped from the roll until they return again. The above figures do not include the time after children are dropped from the roll, which would make the number much larger.

This lack of attendance and punctuality in our schools is an expensive and serious matter.

The cost of the schools is just the same as it would be if the children had not lost the benefit of these 3,273 days of schooling.

The Governor called attention to this subject in his annual message. He urges a better enforcement of the attendance laws and the passage of more stringent ones if necessary to secure the attendance of the children for whose education so generous provision is made by the state. No other state is so generous in these provisions, and it has a right to demand that her children shall get the blessings that they furnish.

I think that our truant officers should be required to enforce the attendance laws and be paid for it.

In no other way can some parents be convinced that the law means what it says in regard to fines for keeping children out of school.

The Miller school was closed during the winter term and the four children brought to the Four Corners school. This has proved an excellent arrangement and the results very satisfactory not only in lessening the expense, but also in giving increased interest to the pupils in their work. I am sure that equally satisfactory results

would be reached, if one or two more of our small schools could be closed and the children carried to other schools.

I wish to express my appreciation of the courtesy and cordial support which have been shown me by teachers and committee. It has added much to the pleasure of my work.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES P. HALL,

Superintendent.

SHELBURNE FALLS, MASS., Feb. 18, 1896.

TRUANT OFFICER'S REPORT.

MR. C. P. HALL, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:

I hereby submit my annual report:

Number of cases investigated,	45
Number kept out by parents,	44
Truant,	1
All were returned to school.	

Yours truly,

H. S. MEACHAM,
Truant Officer.

February 10, 1896.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

SCHOOL.	TEACHERS.	Terms.	Wages per Month.	Whole No. enrolled.		Average Member-ship.	Average Attendance.	Per Cent. of Attendance.	Cases of Tardiness.	Cases of Dismissal.	Days of Absence.	Time Lost from Tardiness and Dismissal.
				Boys.	Girls.							
Adamsville	{ Jennie R. Fairbanks	2	\$ 32 00	15	11	18.4	17.6	95.7	16	18	109	24.42
	{ Minnie I. Yetter	1	30 00									
Bardwell	{ Lula E. Bardwell	1	24 00	4	4	7.3	7.1	95.9	8	6	28	11.20
	{ Gertrude S. Noyes	2	24 00									
Brick	{ Maud I. Harris	2	22 00									
	{ Grace L. Ware	1	22 00	10	3	10.5	9.8	93.1	17	10	98	13.45
Christian Hill	{ Mina L. Hillman	3	28 00	13	14	20.5	18.1	88.3	60	12	348	15.45
	{ Florence T. Gray	1	26 00									
City	{ Gertrude E. Howes	1	26 00	15	11	18.9	17.5	92.5	152	67	263	51.25
	{ Mary A. Hersey	1	26 00	13	7	15.0	14.6	97.1	70	9	77	3.5
Elm Grove	{ Helen A. Peterson	3	30 00									
	{ Emma L. Davis	1	30 00									
Foundry Grammar	{ Julia L. Davis	1	30 00	11	14	23.1	20.1	87.2	63	71	398	100.45
	{ Anna S. Hillman	1	30 00									
Foundry Primary	{ Emily S. Stacy	2	28 00	22	24	27.2	23.6	85.2	82	23	473	25.00
	{ Mary A. Gould	1	24 00									
Four Corners	{ Sarah D. Miller	2	24 00	6	6	13.1	12.1	92.4	36	33	140	50.55
	{ Mary A. Johnson	1	22 00	13	7	20.1	17.5	89.5	83	93	319	124.37
Griswoldville Gram.	{ Lizzie D. Williams	3	28 00	22	15	28.0	25.8	92.1	72	28	273	42.40
Griswoldville Primary	{ Lorena W. Peebles	3	28 00	22	15	28.0	25.8	92.1	72	28	273	42.40
* Miller	{ Mary A. Johnson	3	18 00	1	4	2.5	2.3	93.0	25	13	31	26.3
	{ Maud M. Furrington	1	28 00									
Shattuckville	{ Marion B. Orcutt	2	26 00	14	12	22.2	19.7	84.6	436	76	349	155.17
	{ Minnie E. Dwight	1	24 00									
Spurr	{ Frank S. Archibald	1	24 00	5	7	10.0	9.1	92.0	82	17	111	37.44
	{ Marion D. Watson	2	30 00									
Wilson Hill	{ Edith H. Stowell	1	26 00									
	{ Julia E. Hartwell	1	26 00	9	9	13.2	12.1	91.6	81	12	140	16.33
* Two Terms.			\$387 67	173 148	250.0	227.0	90.8	1283	488	3157	700.16	

FINANCIAL TABLE.

RESOURCES.

Town appropriation for schools,	\$3,150 00
Town appropriation for Superintendent,	360 00
Town appropriation for old bills,	187 85
Town appropriation, High School tuition,	160 00
State rebate acct. of supervision,	260 00
State school fund,	425 60
Dog fund,	98 50
Tuition from Halifax, Vt.,	16 64
Tuition from Shelburne,	4 16
	\$4,662 75

PAID SUNDRIES.

Wood,	\$145 85
Cleaning school buildings,	17 26
Care of school room and building fires,	40 90
Repairs of school houses,	131 67
Old bills,	216 25
Transportation,	255 00
Supt. C. P. Hall, salary from Feb. 1, '95 to Feb. 1, '96,	360 00
Teachers' salaries,	2,889 50
Supplies and express on same during year,	294 55
High school tuitions,	270 00
	\$4,620 98

SCHOOL SUPPLIES ACCOUNT.

Supplies on hand Feb. 15, 1895,	\$62 48
Purchased during the year,	288 62
	\$351 10

SUPPLIES FURNISHED SCHOOLS, 1895-6.

Adamsville,	\$24 95
Bardwell,	10 04
Brick,	10 71
Christian Hill,	22 43
City,	33 39
Elm Grove,	25 44
Four Corners,	11 10
Foundry Primary,	1 59
Foundry Grammar,	28 72
Griswoldville Primary,	17 61
Griswoldville Grmmar,	24 30
Miller,	5 97
Shattuckville,	21 42
Spurr,	14 38
Wilson Hill,	18 10
Total,	\$281 15
Supplies on hand, Feb. 15, 1896,	69 95
	\$351 10

RECAPITULATION.

Paid teachers,	\$2,889 50
sundries,	1,436 93
supplies purchased during year,	294 55
	\$4,620 98

MISCELLANEOUS.

Average wages male teachers per month,	\$30 00
Average wages female teachers per month,	25 87
Due from Leyden, tuition,	24 00
Shelburne, tuition,	14 04
Enos Stanton, tuition,	9 60

Respectfully submitted,

JONATHAN E. DAVENPORT,	} School Committee.
HENRY A. HOWARD,	
CLIFTON L. FIELD,	

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

ASSETS.

Cash on hand Feb. 19, '95,	\$25 62
Cash received of town treasurer,	25 00
Town appropriation for librarian,	25 00
	\$74 62

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid librarian,	25 00
Paid for books, 15 vols.,	42 00
Cash on hand, Feb. 20, 1896,	7 62
	\$74 62
No. vols. in library, Feb. 19, 1895,	480
No. vols. in library, Feb. 20, 1896,	400
No. vols. given to library,	3
No. vols. destroyed by fire,	98

J. E. DAVENPORT,	} Library Trustees.
H. A. HOWARD,	
C. L. FIELD,	

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following pupils have not been absent, tardy, or dismissed during the number of terms mentioned.

ADAMSVILLE.

TWO TERMS.—Myra Hillman, Ethel Ware, Robert Hillman, Myron Porter.

ONE TERM.—Mabelle Dwight, Lizzie Lively, Clara Pierce, Charles Cronin, Dean Hillman, Wilfred Lively, Albert Stetson.

BARDWELL.

TWO TERMS.—Roy Smead.

ONE TERM.—Emma Johnson, Roy Browning, Elwin Johnson.

BRICK.

THREE TERMS.—Eva Copeland.

TWO TERMS.—Harvey Copeland, William Matteson, George Matteson.

ONE TERM.—Lester Fairbanks, Lucien Miner.

CHRISTIAN HILL.

THREE TERMS.—Elsie Vincent.

TWO TERMS.—Mabel Vincent.

ONE TERM.—Emma Bell, Lottie Hillman, Mildred Hillman, Lizzie Upton, Ancil Bell, Earl Kemp, Percy Kemp.

CITY.

ONE TERM.—Nettie Brown, Evelyn Coombs, George Bushey, William Coombs, Ralph Cram.

ELM GROVE.

TWO TERMS.—Leo Miner.

ONE TERM.—Hazel Warner, Martiel Warner, Guy Miner, Wilfred Miner, Ray Warner.

FOUNDRY GRAMMAR.

THREE TERMS.—Frank Faulkner.

ONE TERM.—Lillian Call, Josephine Zrannig, Royal Davenport, Stanley Maxam.

FOUNDRY PRIMARY.

ONE TERM.—Edna Davenport.

FOUR CORNERS.

ONE TERM.—Bessie Kemp, Pearl Martin, Roy Martin.

GRISWOLDVILLE GRAMMAR.

ONE TERM.—Laura McClellan.

GRISWOLDVILLE PRIMARY.

TWO TERMS.—Rudolph Luscher.

ONE TERM.—Belle Howard, Leon Dennison, Samuel Duprey, Albert Herzig.

SHATTUCKVILLE.

ONE TERM.—Addie Miller, Ralph Purrington, Fred Schecterle.

SPURR.

TWO TERMS.—Antis Cromack.

ONE TERM.—William Cromack, Percy Wood.

WILSON HILL.

ONE TERM.—Grace Smith, Robert Pike.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE TOWN OF COLRAIN FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 20, 1897.

RECEIPTS.

To cash on hand, Feb. 20, 1896,	\$539 47
from Town of Williamstown, acct. of poor,	30 58
City of Pittsfield, acct. of poor,	51 79
Franklin Savings Institution, loan,	4,000 00
I. W. Stetson, acct. of poor,	50 00
City of Boston, acct. of poor,	78 00
E. A. Grise, liquor license,	250 00
Commonwealth, acct. Inspector of Animals,	33 37
Levi Davenport fund,	50 00
State on acct. Supt. of Schools,	260 00
H. F. Purrington, butcher's license,	1 00
G. W. Warner, butcher's license,	1 00
George McClellen, butcher's license,	1 00
Samuel Lincoln, pedler's license,	6 00
Packard National Bank, loan,	8,000 00
Thomas W. Russell, gift to Free Library,	150 00
P. Looman, butcher's license,	1 00
State, corporation tax,	364 20
State, National bank tax,	127 85
State, military aid, Chap. 279, Acts of 1889,	144 00

To cash from State, state aid, Chap. 301, Acts of 1889,	\$ 272 00
County Treasurer, dog fund returned,	121 21
State, income Mass. school fund,	362 58
E. H. Gay & Co., loan,	12,098 66
Robt. Miller, collector tax of 1894,	120 00
Robt. Miller, collector tax of 1895,	296 28
Fred L. Kendrick, collector of taxes of 1896,	8,469 53
Griswoldville Mfg. Co.,	10 99
S. F. & C. St. R. Co.,	76 21
School Committee,	2 50
	\$35,969 22

EXPENDITURES.

By cash paid Franklin Savings Institution, loan,	\$4,000 00
“ “ “ interest,	145 38
Packard National Bank, loan,	9,500 00
“ “ interest,	185 73
G. A. R. Post No. 20,	50 00
Library Trustees,	25 00
“ “	77 55
Assessors, abatement tax of 1894,	3 06
“ “ “ 1895,	10 54
“ “ “ 1896,	9 15
State tax,	420 00
County tax,	877 74
Librarian of Free Library,	25 00
Superintendent of Schools,	360 00
State and Military Aid,	582 00
Selectmen's orders,	15,186 39
School orders,	3,691 46
Cash on hand,	820 22
	\$35,969 22

R. C. HILLMAN, Treasurer.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

R. C. HILLMAN, TOWN CLERK,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF COLRAIN.

DR.

To cash for 5 licenses for female dogs,	\$25 00
cash for 73 licenses for male dogs,	146 00
	\$171 00

CR.

By cash paid Eugene A. Newcomb, County Treas.,	\$155 40
clerk's fees, 78 licenses at 20 cents,	15 60
	\$171 00

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS :

In offering our Annual Report of the Selectmen to the inhabitants of the Town of Colrain, we take pleasure in recording the fact that never before was our town so well fitted to be the residing place and home of the citizen as now in the history of the town.

Early in the year the question of granting a franchise for the Shelburne Falls & Colrain Street Railway Company greatly agitated the public minds but the prejudice has nearly died away. We had an order from the Commissioners to build the new road from Griswoldville to Shattuckville ; also the bridges which were completed about November 1st, at a cost of \$8,735.72. We also had to rebuild the wall on Green River road and make other repairs at a cost of about three hundred dollars ; also a new stone bridge near F. D. Thompson's at a cost of about eighty dollars and a bridge and abutments near the house of A. M. Hubbard at a cost of about eighty dollars. We have expended quite a sum in graveling and hardening our main roads which makes our roads in the best repair they have been for years.

DISBURSEMENTS—HIGHWAYS.

Henry Hayden,	\$17 10
Eli Stone,	8 75
E. Kendrick,	5 12
D. D. Hillman,	2 62
F. E. Clark,	1 50
H. A. Scott,	16 25
A. L. Burrington,	5 47
F. S. Upton,	9 00

James Carr,	\$ 3 00
Harold Bowen,	10 50
George H. Phillips,	14 25
A. A. Smith,	40 32
Moses Stone,	1 35
O. H. Taylor,	16 04
James Carr,	3 97
J. W. Burrington,	6 75
Geo. E. Matterson,	17 00
George D. Stetson, building new road,	100 00
T. R. Miller,	31 50
Joseph Herzig,	9 60
A. M. Hubbard,	4 50
Albert Herzig,	8 25
Daniel Carey,	3 30
I. N. Joy,	9 00
Charles Harris,	1 87
Wayne Starkey,	1 50
David Lusty,	2 70
Daniel Hillman,	4 50
Charles Harris,	4 50
W. L. Hicks,	8 25
Arthur L. Fish,	8 55
H. M. Stewart,	22 75
W. H. Bardwell,	36 20
F. L. Shearer,	13 50
Eli Stone,	47 65
C. Lapierre,	12 45
Joseph Lively,	5 25
Avery Bros.,	17 70
Geo. L. Pierce,	4 50
Ed. Pleasant,	1 50
Fannie B. Dutton,	6 00
D. D. Hillman,	8 02
Jacob Thompson,	3 00
Charles Harris,	2 78

Jacob Thompson,	\$ 4 50
D. D. Hillman,	3 00
David Davenport,	5 02
E. R. Cobb,	12 15
Thompson Bros.,	25 80
Fred Seymour,	5 25
Town of Greenfield, tile,	2 50
C. L. Donelson,	3 00
Thompson Bros., clearing ice from road,	26 21
D. W. Nelson & Son,	15 00
L. L. Brigham,	3 00
Henry Larock,	1 70
C. W. Hillman,	7 35
L. W. Fairbanks,	14 90
Avery Bros., highway,	2 25
J. D. Hardy,	1 50
William Martin,	5 25
W. E. Burrington,	29 05
John E. Davenport,	1 50
George R. Porter,	1 50
Roberts Brothers,	7 80
M. B. Crosier,	4 05
Geo. O. Dunnell,	7 50
E. W. Clark,	26 25
O. D. Kemp,	5 25
W. G. Rickett,	9 00
Joel L. Clark,	4 05
Geo. Miller,	75
E. R. Cobb,	6 75
C. M. Fairbanks,	14 85
Oscar Fairbanks,	8 48
Orson Call, snowing bridge,	3 25
Orson Call,	5 90
Frank Thompson,	46 23
O. E. Vincent,	3 75
F. A. Walden,	8 55

John E. Bowen,	\$ 9 00
C. W. Maxam,	5 25
B. F. Miller,	5 50
R. C. Porter,	2 25
Merrifield Bros.,	20 40
Frank Jeffords,	1 50
C. F. White,	6 00
H. C. Cromack,	75
F. Galapault,	8 70
E. T. Cutting,	6 75
J. F. McClellen,	15 00
Ed. Pleasant,	3 00
H. B. Gilderdaile,	12 30
Joel King,	17 40
Edgar Kendrick,	8 75
E. J. Burrington,	26 97
A. L. Dennison,	17 50
Peter Vorrar,	3 70
M. W. Scott,	83
H. M. Purrington,	2 10
W. H. Bardwell,	3 75
A. O. Davenport,	4 00
G. D. Stetson,	20 70
Charles Harris,	1 65
D. D. Hillman,	3 37
E. C. Smith,	14 14
Geo. E. Matterson, drawing stone,	10 00
B. L. Call,	7 21
J. P. Sturtevant,	3 00
C. E. Davenport,	8 10
Ed. Pleasant,	1 13
Geo. W. Cary,	15 50
John Lapierre,	3 13
H. M. Peterson,	16 37
D. Carey,	1 50
C. Ceauty,	8 70

F. A. Dunnell,	\$ 11 55
James Looman,	10 75
J. W. Carpenter,	20 25
Thomas Looman,	24 00
Charles Walker,	1 20
Albert Gadreaux,	5 00
C. W. Hillman,	16 62
Merritt Scott,	1 82
Geo. E. McClellen,	3 10
D. D. Hillman,	8 07
C. H. Vincent,	4 87
D. H. Brown,	6 20
James A. Galvin,	14 30
Milo A. Thompson,	10 35
H. C. Cromack,	16 50
Miles Shippee,	69
F. L. Brown,	3 00
Joseph Burbank,	5 56
G. Olbeck,	1 87
Fred Seiler,	69
James Wells,	6 25
N. F. Shippee,	11 10
Elias Bardwell,	5 40
John N. Miner,	36 25
D. W. Nelson & Son,	55 49
Geo. R. Purrinton,	9 72
Amos Stewart,	28 20
A. Eldridge,	6 10
F. S. Fairbanks,	4 50
H. Newell & Co., tile,	38 06
A. H. Temple,	75
L. L. Brigham,	2 25
F. W. Connant,	5 75
A. P. Nelson,	28 95
Charles D. Miner,	11 25
M. Looman,	17 11

Charles Call,	\$ 4 05
Fred Reil,	60
F. M. Thompson,	9 83
Matthew Barber,	3 00
Clarence McGee,	5 55
F. L. Purrington,	5 25
J. B. Cromack,	10 25
R. E. Martin,	4 75
Horace Kemp & Son,	26 30
W. H. Kemp,	18 00
L. B. More,	6 00
H. J. Smith,	55 24
C. B. Dennison & Son,	31 50
S. E. Wood,	1 50
F. A. McCloud,	6 90
M. O. Nichols,	14 15
F. D. Williams,	4 00
Jonathan E. Davenport,	90
Joel Cone,	3 00
C. Lapierre,	13 50
H. W. Thompson,	12 00
O. M. Brown,	26 20
D. M. Pierce,	3 20
L. B. Stewart,	6 00
A. W. Hinsdale,	13 12
R. W. Stacy & Son,	10 13
F. E. Cromack,	10 50
S. B. Johnson,	12 10
H. O. Scott,	4 50
E. F. Copelande,	48 18
Wayne Hillman,	30 51
J. A. Dwight,	15 00
Henry Hayden,	5 15
Thompson Bros.,	7 68
A. A. Smith,	41 70
D. W. Nelson & Son,	21 27

I. G. Call,	\$ 2 00
Harry Bell,	8 40
T. R. Miller,	13 95
C. Webster Smith,	13 00
H. R. Donelson,	11 84
Thomas Richards,	6 00
E. Auger,	4 95
Geo. H. Nelson,	6 00
William Stewart,	4 15
M. M. Johnson,	10 35
M. M. Jonnson, stone work,	55 00
A. O. Nelson,	1 50
J. B. Clark,	11 40
E. B. Smith,	17 25
Wm. Sesler,	38 47
R. M. Coombs,	12 75
C. Simonds,	5 35
C. A. Shearer,	75
James A. Galvin,	1 35
Griswoldville Mfg. Co.,	40 47
A. B. Smith,	8 02
H. Newell, tile,	59 86
A. A. Smith,	1 50
Charles W. Smith,	28 64
Chester W. Smith,	9 00
H. A. Howard,	11 62
J. P. Bell,	1 50
Thomas Smead,	6 90
G. A. Thompson,	9 75
M. S. Harris,	20 40
C. L. Brigham,	75
F. W. Purrington,	3 00
G. L. Pierce,	3 30
L. W. Babbitt,	1 50

Robert Miller,	\$ 3 67
F. L. Kendrick,	9 15
Total,	\$2,555 12

COST OF NEW ROAD AND BRIDGES.

H. W. Wright & Co., grading,	\$2,662 03
S. E. Temple, railing,	21 25
S. E. Temple, grading,	9 37
Charles W. Smith, grading and riprapping,	80 80
James Wells, grading,	8 12
J. A. Burbank, grading,	3 75
H. J. Smith, putting in tile,	5 25
	\$2,790 57
One-half of bridge abutments, F. T. Ley & Co.,	1,674 43
Norton Iron Co., one-half of three bridges,	3,554 70

GRADING AT LOWER BRIDGE.

W. H. Bardwell,	\$44 64
Orson Call,	9 38
Christian Fink,	6 62
	60 64
D. D. Sprague, engineering,	\$237 41
Geo. E. Merrell, extra masonry,	155 87
E. T. Shaw, inspecting bridges,	54 77
Bridge plans,	6 50
Grading at end of bridges,	196 46
	651 01
Eli Stone, stone work on bridge,	4 37
	\$8,735 72

BRIDGEWORK AND LUMBER.

A. A. Smith, plank,	\$ 40
T. R. Miller, lumber,	4 11
A. M. Hubbard,	6 75
Eli Stone,	10 01

I. N. Joy,	\$ 6 00
E. Kendrick,	2 25
W. H. Donelson, plank,	36 00
W. H. Bardwell,	1 50
Avery Bros.,	4 40
Thompson Bros.,	4 50
F. L. Kendrick, plank,	47 38
Groton Bridge & Mfg. Co., for iron bridge at Shattuckville,	1,403 71
D. W. Nelson & Son, plank,	28 78
Avery Bros.,	1 95
John E. Davenport,	5 00
A. R. Bullock,	3 00
Joel L. Clark,	1 20
E. R. Cobb, lumber,	1 15
Oscar Fairbanks, lumber,	3 79
R. C. Porter,	3 80
C. F. White,	21 00
C. F. White, lumber,	10 30
C. F. White, bolts and nails,	2 65
H. C. Cromack,	3 00
M. W. Scott,	1 20
H. M. Purrington,	1 20
A. O. Davenport,	8 86
J. P. Sturtevant,	17 22
J. P. Sturtevant, lumber,	5 84
F. A. Dunnell, lumber,	4 11
F. A. Dunnell, labor,	4 65
J. W. Carpenter, labor,	19 50
J. W. Carpenter, lumber,	6 50
F. L. Kendrick, lumber,	81 05
W. L. Hicks, labor,	10 50
A. M. Hubbard,	10 50
A. M. Hubbard, lumber,	4 75
F. L. Brown, labor,	9 15
I. N. Joy, labor,	11 70
L. L. Brigham,	2 02

A. P. Nelson, lumber,	\$ 1 42
John M. Shearer, plank,	14 18
L. B. More,	50
Jonathan E. Davenport,	3 00
Smith & Hillman, nails,	3 02
C. Lapierre, lumber,	3 77
H. W. Thompson,	8 95
Thompson Bros.,	1 26
Thompson Bros., lumber,	4 38
A. A. Smith, labor,	5 25
T. R. Miller, lumber,	2 58
A. O. Nelson,	4 00
A. O. Nelson, lumber,	9 00
E. B. Smith,	7 72
F. B. Stone, plank,	38 14
C. A. Marcy, tin for bridge,	1 85
G. A. Thompson,	3 60
Stone & Clark, plank,	18 00
F. L. Kendrick, lumber,	37 13
Total,	\$1,979 13

RAILING.

H. A. Scott,	\$14 66
W. H. Bardwell,	1 50
L. L. Brigham,	1 50
William Martin,	3 00
Orson Call,	97
G. D. Stetson, railing on new road,	15 30
J. P. Sturtevant,	2 62
H. C. Cromack,	9 58
A. P. Nelson,	5 00
H. R. Donelson,	9 48
M. O. Nichols,	4 00
Thompson Bros.,	18 00

Griswoldville Mfg Co.,	\$ 4 33
Charles W. Smith,	12 70
Total,	\$102 64

SUPPORT OF POOR.

W. H. Donelson, goods for Stoddard family,	\$107 60
W. H. H. Wilson, support of Mariah Wilson,	54 00
Dr. J. W. Cram, medical attendance of David Plant,	24 00
City of Fall River, goods for Robert Zimmerman,	14 40
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, for support of Rachel Jeffords,	169 92
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, for support of E. Young,	169 92
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, for support of Raymond Kemp,	68 25
H. S. Swan, casket for Mariah Wilson,	12 00
O. M. Brown, support of Abel Dutton,	55 50
O. M. Brown, keeping tramps,	2 00
Total,	\$677 59

INCIDENTALS.

A. J. Everson, drawing engine,	\$ 2 50
Moses Stone, setting boundry stones,	2 25
Geo. Rebadue, setting boundry stones,	6 00
A. B. Smith, setting boundry stones,	8 00
J. T. Davis, inspecting bridge,	1 25
E. E. Cowing, highway damage,	20 00
A. B. Smith, surveying with Commissioners,	7 50
A. B. Smith, setting boundry stones,	3 75
F. H. Bodman, attending funeral of Mrs. Mariah Wilson,	3 00
F. L. Stetson, printing tax schedules,	8 00
Cost in Bradley case,	17 60
Harry Bell, crossing land,	4 00
Green & Davenport, on temporary loan,	2 00
E. E. Lyman, road petition,	3 00

A. A. Smith, expenses to Boston before the Committee on roads and bridges,	\$ 6 91
F. H. Bodman, services as ballot clerk,	2 00
Walden & Crawley, printing town reports,	27 20
Ed. Pleasant, work with surveyor,	1 50
G. G. Merrell, 65 boundary stones,	29 25
W. A. Thompson, setting boundary stones,	2 64
Elias Bardwell, service as registrar,	6 00
Dr. J. W. Cram, returns of births,	6 25
Town of Greenfield, for boundary stone,	3 86
Dr. F. J. Canedy, return of births,	3 00
H. S. Swan, glass for hearse.	75
L. B. More & Son, work with Commissioners,	4 50
H. W. Thompson, service as registrar,	2 00
H. W. Thompson, labor with Commissioners,	16 75
A. A. Smith, expenses to Boston before the Massachusetts Commissioners,	10 72
James Looman, drawing boundary stones,	7 70
W. W. Cary, stakes for surveyors.	1 25
H. W. Thompson, labor with Commissioners,	5 00
H. W. Thompson, counsel and injunction, electric railway,	5 00
J. B. Clark, returns of deaths,	3 50
E. E. Lyman, road petition,	3 00
C. A. Marcy, 6 days with Commissioners,	12 00
C. A. Marcy, paid express,	2 79
C. A. Marcy, postage and stationery,	5 14
R. M. Coombs, work with Commissioners,	8 00
E. A. Hall, notice,	1 00
R. M. Coombs, counsel on account of paupers,	2 00
Collector's book,	1 60
Deed and recording,	2 00
R. C. Hillman, express and stamps,	9 21
R. C. Hillman, services as registrar,	8 00
R. C. Hillman, carrying returns of votes to Shelburne Falls,	1 00
R. C. Hillman, recording births, deaths and marriages,	28 75

Geo. H. Carpenter, service as registrar,	\$ 10 00
Geo. W. Cary, postage,	1 25
Geo. W. Cary, ballot clerk,	2 00
Griswoldville Mfg. Co., coal,	9 52
G. A. Thompson, crossing land,	3 00
F. W. Purrington, election officer,	2 00
J. C. Thompson, election officer,	2 00
Robert Miller, setting boundary stones,	4 50
Total,	\$353 39

TOWN OFFICERS.

TREASURER.

R. C. Hillman,	\$50 00
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SELECTMEN.

C. A. Marcy,	50 00
R. M. Coombs,	40 00
H. W. Thompson,	40 00

ASSESSORS.

C. A. Marcy,	35 00
R. M. Coombs,	25 00
H. W. Thompson,	25 00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

H. A. Howard,	32 50
H. A. Howard, supply agent,	25 00
C. L. Field,	24 80
George W. Cary,	25 00

AUDITOR.

H. O. Scott,	3 00
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HEARSEMAN.

J. B. Clark,	29 25
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ROAD SUPERINTENDENT.

A. A. Smith,	33 50
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COLLECTOR.

J. D. Miller, 1894 and 1895,	245 00
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SEXTONS.

Geo. E. Matterson,	\$ 4 00
H. J. Smith,	20 00
Robert Miller,	4 00

INSPECTORS.

C. Webster Smith,	14 25
H. S. Meecham,	51 50
H. S. Meecham, Constable,	6 00

Total,	\$782 80
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RECAPITULATION.

Highways, .	2,555 12
Bridges,	1,979 13
Incidentals	353 39
Railing,	102 64
Support of poor,	677 59
Town officers,	782 80
Cost of new road and bridges,	8,735 72
School orders,	3,691 46
Interest, Packard National Bank,	185 73
Interest, Franklin Savings Institution,	145 38
Paid loan at Packard National Bank,	9,500 00
Paid loan at Franklin Savings Institution,	4,000 00
G. A. R. Post, Memorial Day,	50 00
Librarian,	25 00
State tax,	420 00
County tax,	877 74
Superintendent of Schools,	360 00
State and military aid,	582 00
Library trustees,	102 55
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	820 22
Abatements,	22 75

\$35,969 22

SUMMARY.

Receipts,		\$35,969 22
Disbursements,	\$35,149 00	
Cash in treasury,	820 22	
		35,969 22

RESOURCES.

Cash in hands of Treasurer,	820 22
Due from Williamstown, on account of paupers,	20 09
Uncollected taxes,	934 33
Due from state on account of state aid,	444 00
	\$2,218 64

TOWN DEBT.

E. H. Guy & Co.,	12,000 00
Balance against the town,	\$9,781 36

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES A. MARCY,	} Selectmen of Colrain.
ROBERT M. COOMBS,	
HUGH W. THOMPSON,	

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

Highways and Bridges,	\$3,000 00
Support of Poor,	1,000 00
Incidentals,	600 00
Town Officers,	800 00
State and Military Aid,	600 00
Town Debt,	1,000 00
Interest,	600 00
State Tax,	500 00
County Tax,	900 00
Superintendent of Schools,	360 00
Schools,	3,500 00
	\$12,860 00

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have this day finished my examination of the accounts of the Selectmen and compared bills with orders given ; have also compared bills presented to the School Committee with orders given, and hereby certify that they are correct ; have taken inventory of school supplies now on hand ; examined the books of the Librarian and Supply Agent, and find them correct ; have also examined the books of the Treasurer, compared payments with orders issued by Selectmen and School Committee, figured bank account and find same correct. There is due from the Collector at the closing of the books the sum of \$934.33.

The personal effects as given by the Selectmen consist of 2 road machines, 2 hearses, 1 derrick, 2 safes, 1 sealing apparatus, 1 cable chain, 1 new derrick rope.

Number of volumes in Library is 560.

Respectfully submitted,

H. O. SCOTT, Auditor.

COLRAIN, Feb. 20, 1897.

TOWN OF COLRAIN.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY,

1897.

**NORTH ADAMS, MASS. :
WALDEN & CRAWLEY, PRINTERS,
1897.**

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1897-98.

SPRING TERM.—Begins Monday, April 12 ; ends Friday, June 18, 10 weeks.

FALL TERM.—Begins Monday, August 30 ; ends Friday, November 19, 12 weeks.

WINTER TERM.—Begins Monday, November 29 ; ends Friday, January 21, 8 weeks.

HOLIDAYS.—Patriot's Day, Labor Day and Christmas.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

HENRY A. HOWARD, Chairman,
GEORGE W. CARY, Secretary, CHARLES L. DONELSON,
CHARLES P. HALL, Superintendent.

TRUANT OFFICERS.

JOHN C. THOMPSON,

C. WEBSTER SMITH.

SCHOOL REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS :

We hereby submit our annual report for your inspection. Thirteen schools have been maintained in town throughout the year and have generally been successful.

It still seems best to bring the small schools together as far as practicable and in accordance we have this year united the Spurr with the school at Elm Grove and the Miller with the one at Four Corners.

We have endeavored to have the best teachers which our circumstances would admit.

Without exception, our teachers this year have been either graduates or of experience. Yet our schools cannot be made perfectly successful, however efficient our teachers may be without the co-operation of the parents. Many parents seem not to rightly value an education and fail to encourage their children to strive to obtain one.

The strongest help which a parent can give a child, is to co-operate with the teacher in matters pertaining to lessons and government and to teach the child to be punctual in attendance.

In order to know the exact condition of a school, one must visit it. Please do not say your school is a failure until after you have visited it.

The progress in education has been very rapid and those who have not especially tried to keep in touch with the methods would be surprised to visit a model school today.

We request all patrons and others to visit the schools and observe the work being done by the pupils and teachers.

Your committee are favorable to the principle of school superintendency and believe that the money which has been

expended in that direction during the last few years, has been well spent. The schools are certainly in better condition for efficient work than they would otherwise have been.

Although the time lost from truancy has decreased this year in comparison with last, we think that the greater part is unnecessary and unless this is still much improved, we shall be obliged to use the means which are ours, to remedy it.

No extensive repairs have been made this year, but in the coming year, we think it would be advisable to repaint some of the buildings.

The Christian Hill school house seems too small to accommodate the number of pupils there and it will be necessary to enlarge it at a cost of probably not over \$75 or \$100.

It may also be necessary to repaint one or two of the buildings. We would recommend the following appropriations :

Teachers, fuel, care of school house,	\$2,600 00
Transportation,	300 00
Supplies,	300 00
School superintendent,	360 00
High school tuition,	110 00

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF COLRAIN :

I have the pleasure to present hereby my fourth report as Superintendent of Schools.

I do not bring you a story of new work done this year, so much as of a systematic strengthening of the old lines and an effort to adapt them to the different phases of education that press upon us. The educational atmosphere is full of new things calling for a place in the work of our schools. Some of these may be worthy, others may be helpful in larger towns, but it has seemed wise to us to let others experiment with them and demonstrate their efficiency and be ready to adopt them ourselves whenever this is clear.

The introduction of Frye's geographies gave us an opportunity which we were glad to improve, to more directly study and teach the "earth as the home of man." The earlier the child comes to so regard it, the happier will he be in the study of geography and the more likely to get out of it that real knowledge which will be most helpful to him in his study of the history and life of his own and other nations.

The child's geography should begin at once to deal with the things that touch his life—the town in which he lives with its hills, valleys, roads and streams, the food he eats and the clothing he wears, with something of the people who produced them, and the localities where they were grown. This knowledge is made more interesting and prominent by presenting the objects themselves, and by the use of pictures which are abundant in the geographies as well as the books and periodicals of the day.

The study of history is not the lifeless memorizing of dates and details of battles which characterized it a few years ago, but the happy introduction of the pupil to the persons and events that have

aided in bringing the country and the world on in the march of civilization. This is made the more real by the use of maps and sketches of geography, pictures of the men and scenes studied, and the historic songs of the poets.

The young people of our town have felt the growing interest in higher education manifested in all parts of the state. We have had six pupils in the high school at Greenfield whose tuition the town has paid, and sixteen in Arms academy who have paid their own tuition. This desire for higher education ought to be encouraged by parents and citizens, as it is a large incentive to better work in our common schools.

The results from the effort to grade the schools have been quite satisfactory as a guide to teacher and pupil in securing more uniform work.

TEACHERS. We have been very fortunate with our teachers this year in one respect, there have been fewer changes than for several years. In eight of the thirteen schools the same teachers have remained through the year.

This permanence of our teaching force has been a large factor in securing the harmonious prosperity which has characterized our schools this year. In no profession or business industry is the continued employment of those acquainted with the work and its surroundings, more important than in that of teaching. This assumes, of course, that teachers are qualified for their place.

Qualifications for teaching mean more than formerly. Teachers today are expected to have an education broader and fuller than was required a quarter of a century ago, and also to understand something of the "how to teach." Further than this, the teacher who is well qualified must have a personality of his own which will not only lift his pupils intellectually into a higher atmosphere, but put the stamp of character upon all who come under its influence. Every teacher must stand for what is best in character and citizenship, if he is to do the best for the school. Much is said in these days about child study, and it must be admitted that there has been too little of it in the homes and schools of the past. When parents and teachers come to study carefully the characteristics of the chil-

dren entrusted to their care, learn something of the motives that prompt their actions and discover the surroundings which influence their lives, they will be in wiser mind and more amiable spirit to aid in their training, and the results will be far-reaching to society and the family.

In the abstract from the report of the State Board of Education sent out by the Secretary last month, I find among the characteristic features of the school movement in Massachusetts today these two, "Greater respect paid to the child's individuality," and "An increasing earnestness of demand for scholarship, professional training and heart in the teacher."

The above may seem to be a high standard of qualification, but it is one toward which some of our teachers are reaching with earnest effort, and it should not be above the aim of all.

It goes without saying, that the teacher who satisfies these requirements is worth much more in our schools, or any others, than the one who met those of two decades ago. They should and do receive more pay.

It may be of interest to know that, according to the last State report, nineteen of the twenty-two towns whose valuation is between \$500,000 and \$600,000, about that of Colrain, pay their teachers an average salary larger than this town, (\$26.24), while but two pay a smaller one. Again, from the same report it appears that in the nine towns having an average membership of between 240 and 260 pupils, it costs an average of \$21.50 to furnish schooling for each pupil. Colrain, with an average membership of 258, pays \$16.00 for the same purpose.

ATTENDANCE. It is a source of satisfaction that the attendance in our schools is better than it has been for several years. Note this comparison with last year.

	Last year.	This year.
Per cent of attendance,	90.8	92.2
Days of absence,	3157	3001
Cases of tardiness,	1283	968
Cases of dismissal,	488	343
Time lost from last two causes,	700 h. 16 m.	501 h. 03 m.

Yet in spite of this better showing, 3001 days of absence, 968 cases of tardiness and 343 cases of dismissal, mean too great a loss to our schools and to the pupils themselves. The state is becoming aroused to this matter of truancy and non-attendance, and the present legislature will probably take some action looking toward a restriction of the evil. Meantime let us make every effort to arouse public sentiment to demand that children shall avail themselves of the school advantages so generously provided by town and state, and thus aid in laying stronger foundations for character and good citizenship. Let all examine the statistical table and see if they cannot help their own or their neighbors' children to make a better record next year. The Bardwell school has the banner this year, as usual; Elm Grove and the Brick stand next; while the poorest attendance has been in the Griswoldville grammar and Foundry primary.

REPAIRS. The only repairs this year of note have been the putting in of new blackboards in several schools. These have been needed a long time and add much to the efficiency of the work. An addition to the house on Christian Hill has become a necessity. It has always been too small to accommodate the number of pupils who attend there, and this year thirty-one pupils have crowded into a room barely large enough for twenty. Beside this several of the school houses need painting for their own preservation.

In conclusion, I wish to congratulate the citizens of the town upon the general success of the schools this year. This has come about through the conscientious hard work of the teachers, the wise interest and care of the committee and the cordial support of the citizens themselves.

All these influences I have felt and appreciated in my oversight of the work, and I am happy to express my gratitude for them.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES P. HALL,

Superintendent.

SHELBURNE FALLS, Mass., Feb. 17, 1897.

TRUANT OFFICER'S REPORT.

MR. C. P. HALL, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS :

I hereby submit my report for the year 1896.

Number of cases investigated,	6
Number kept out by parents,	6
Number returned to school,	4
Two had physician's certificates.	

Yours truly,

JOHN C. THOMPSON,

Truant Officer.

COLRAIN, Feb. 15, 1897.

MR. C. P. HALL, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

I submit the following report as Truant Officer of Colrain for the year 1896.

Number of cases investigated,	15
Number of truants,	2
Number kept out by parents,	13
Number returned to school, all.	

Yours truly,

C. WEBSTER SMITH,

Truant Officer.

SHATTUCKVILLE, Feb. 15, 1897.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Terms.		Wages per month.	Boys.		Girls.	Average Membership.		Average Attendance.	Per cent of Attendance.	Days of Absence.	Cases of Tardiness.	Cases of Dismissal.	Time lost from Tardiness and Dismissal.	H. M.
		1	2		Whole Number	Enrolled		Average	Enrolled							
Adamsville	{ Minnie I. Yetter	1	\$	20.00	11	8	15.2	14.1	93.2	153	52	29	22	28		
Bardwell	{ Ruth B. Canedy	2	24.00	4	6	8.9	8.7	98.3	20	2	2	6	20			
Brick	{ Minnie E. Dwight	1	22.00	4	6	8.9	8.7	98.3	20	2	2	6	20			
Christian Hill	{ Minnie A. Donelson	2	24.00	4	6	8.9	8.7	98.3	20	2	2	6	20			
	{ Edith W. Fisher	2	24.00	7	4	10.0	9.5	95.3	70	59	11	20	25			
	{ Mina L. Hillman	3	28.00	13	17	25.8	23.0	91.5	448	107	17	40	50			
City	{ Emily S. Stacy	1	28.00	18	10	21.1	19.9	94.6	171	48	24	26	27	50		
Elm Grove	{ Minnie I. Yetter	2	30.00	16	10	21.7	20.7	95.5	144	41	26	28	15			
Foundry Grammar	{ Florence D. Hill	3	27.33	16	10	21.7	20.7	95.5	144	41	26	28	15			
	{ Anna S. Hillman	1	30.00	12	14	23.7	21.6	91.3	300	60	62	66	59			
Foundry Primary	{ Frank S. Archibald	2	30.00	12	14	23.7	21.6	91.3	300	60	62	66	59			
	{ Mary E. Gould	1	26.00	23	17	29.2	25.9	88.9	446	77	14	36	50			
	{ Katherine Dempsey	2	28.00	23	17	29.2	25.9	88.9	446	77	14	36	50			
Four Corners	{ Gladys C. Amidon	2	28.00	7	8	13.7	12.9	93.9	129	62	16	37	53			
	{ Maud M. Purrington	3	28.00	17	9	22.3	19.9	89.2	342	59	62	67	20			
	{ Lizzie D. Williams	3	28.00	19	13	25.6	23.9	93.2	213	65	12	20	25			
Griswoldville Gram.	{ Helen A. Peterson	3	28.00	22	19	30.2	27.7	91.8	377	216	67	98	55			
Griswoldville Prim.	{ Marion B. Orcutt	3	28.00	8	9	13.2	12.0	90.3	188	126	1	26	35			
Shattuckville	{ Julia F. Hartwell	3	26.00	177	144	260.6	240.4	92.2	90.1	968	343	501	3			
Wilson Hill																
Totals.																

FINANCIAL TABLE.

TOWN APPROPRIATION, ETC.

Teachers, fuel and care of school rooms,	\$2,600 00
Transportation,	300 00
Supplies,	300 00
High school tuition,	110 00
State school fund,	362 58
Dog fund,	121 21
	\$3,793 79

PAID SUNDRIES.

Wood,	\$ 95 97
Cleaning and care of school house,	56 15
Repairs of school house,	108 02
Transportation,	309 00
Teachers' salaries,	2,673 30
Supplies,	374 48
Postage, express and freight,	19 48
High school tuition,	107 50
Old bill 1895,	6 72
	\$3,750 62

ACCOUNT OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Supplies on hand Feb. 15, 1896,	\$ 69 95
Purchased during the year,	374 48
	\$444 43

FURNISHED SCHOOLS.

Shattuckville,	\$20 92
Four Corners,	23 60
Wilson Hill,	25 94
Bardwell,	24 79
Brick,	14 36
Foundry Primary,	10 12
Foundry Grammar,	26 09
Adamsville,	14 27
Griswoldville Grammar,	68 74
Griswoldville Primary,	14 24
Center,	23 27
Elm Grove,	17 71
Christian Hill,	25 76
Supplies on hand Feb. 18, 1897,	\$309 81
	134 62
Total,	\$444 43

PAID TRUANT OFFICERS.

John C. Thompson,	\$5 00
C. Webster Smith,	7 50
	\$12 50

MISCELLANEOUS.

There is due the Town for tuition from Leyden,	\$14 04
Enos Stanton,	9 60
H. L. Pickett, West Leyden,	11 69
Town of Shelburne,	27 27

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. HOWARD,
 GEORGE W. CARY,
 CHARLES L. DONELSON,)

) School
 Committee.

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

Cash on hand Feb. 19, 1896,	\$ 7 62
Received from Treasurer,	127 50
Received from Fines,	1 36
Received from Librarian,	37
	\$136 85

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid J. A. Richmond for book case,	\$ 6 00
“ Librarian salary,	25 00
“ Walden & Crawley, printing by-laws,	1 75
“ Books, 121 volumes,	99 80
“ Postage and express,	2 00
“ Dressing book case,	2 00
“ Blank book for catalogue,	30
	\$136 85

No. of vols. in library Feb. 25, 1896,	423
No. of vols. added by purchase,	121
No. of vols. added by contribution,	16
Total,	560

In making our annual report at this time, we would feel that it was very incomplete without acknowledging the very generous contribution of (\$150) one hundred and fifty dollars, to our library fund, by the Hon. Thomas Russell of Hartford, Ct. and Hon. John J. Russell of Jefferson, Iowa, two sons of Colrain who, though absent, still retain their affections for the old home and friends.

Respectfully yours,

HENRY A. HOWARD, GEORGE W. CARY, CHARLES L. DONELSON,	}	Library Trustees.
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ROLL OF HONOR.

The following pupils have not been absent, tardy or dismissed during the number of terms named :

THREE TERMS.

Antis Cromack,
Laura McClellan,
Anna Sessler,
Lelia Smead,
Elsie Vincent,

Mabel Vincent,
Martiel Warner,
Willie Miner,
Leo Miner.

TWO TERMS.

Mildred Hillman,
Marie Miner,
Clara Pierce,
Julia Purinton,
Mildred Wood,
Josephine Zraning,
Warren Brigham,
Harvey Copeland,

William Cromack,
Frank Faulkner,
Elwin Johnson,
Guy Miner,
Wilfred Miner,
Roy Smead,
Fred Smith,
Ray Warner.

ONE TERM.

Essie Bennett,
Nettie Brown,
Lillian Call,
Ethel Cary,
Evelyn Coombs,
Eva Copeland,
Maud Gilderdale,

Jed Brown,
George Bushey,
Freddie Call,
Wilfred Carpenter,
Emory Clark,
William Coombs,
Charles Cronin,

Katherine Grise,
 Bertha Harris,
 Nita Hathaway,
 Bessie Hillman,
 Myra Hillman,
 Kate Howard,
 Emma Johnson,
 Nettie Kane,
 Pearl Lalor,
 Rosie Luscher,
 Mabel McCloud,
 Pearl Martin,
 Florence Pike,
 Fannie Rice,
 Louise Sessler,
 Mary Sessler,
 Estella Smith,
 Sarah Smith,
 Blanche Stone,
 Hazel Warner,
 Goldie Wood,
 Olive Wood,
 Ancil Bell,
 Arthur Brigham,

Royal Davenport,
 Leon Dennison,
 Samuel Duprey,
 Henry Gilbert,
 Harry Grise,
 Lorenzo Griswold,
 Alfred Hillman,
 Deane Hillman,
 Earl Kemp,
 Guy King,
 Louis King,
 Walter King,
 Frank LaPierre,
 Edmund Lively,
 Lewis Martin,
 Roscoe Nichols,
 Ray Porter,
 Fred Scheterle,
 Frank Stanton,
 Albert Stetson,
 Albert Stone,
 Leon Streeter,
 George Thompson.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE TOWN OF COLRAIN FOR THE
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 22, 1898:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand February 22, 1897,	\$820 22
Fred. L. Kendrick, collector tax of 1896,	870 34
Fred. L. Kendrick, collector tax of 1896, abatements,	63 99
John C. Thompson, collector tax of 1897,	10,121 61
John C. Thompson, collector tax of 1897, abatements,	34 85
National Bank tax,	192 90
Corporation tax,	390 65
Military Aid, Chap. 279, Acts of 1894,	146 00
State Aid, Chap. 301, Acts of 1894,	296 00
Income Massachusetts School Fund,	381 28
Account Superintendent of Schools,	260 00
Account Levi Davenport fund,	50 00
Account inspector of animals,	32 87
Dog fund returned,	130 21
Selectmen, account of poor,	65 59
Selectmen, account of highways,	19 35
School Commissioners, account of tuition,	139 00
P. Looman, butcher's license,	1 00
H. F. Purrington, butcher's license,	1 00
George W. Warner, butcher's license,	1 00
George McClallen, butcher's license,	1 00
W. M. Goldie, license for show,	2 00
E. F. Johnson, license for show,	2 00
Temporary loans,	4,462 50
	\$18,485 36

EXPENDITURES.

Temporary loans paid,	\$2,962 50
Interest paid on temporary loans,	63 75
Interest paid on \$12,000 loan,	480 00
Note paid,	1,000 00
State Aid, Chap. 301, Acts of 1894,	504 00
Military Aid, Chap. 279, Acts of 1894,	24 00
County tax,	1,028 21
State tax,	420 00
Superintendent of Schools,	360 00
Memorial Day Appropriation,	50 00
Library Trustees,	147 45
Librarian of Free Library,	25 00
Assessors, abatement tax of 1896,	63 99
Assessors, abatement tax of 1897,	34 85
Selectmen's orders,	6,846 43
School orders,	4,273 42
Cash on hand,	201 76
	\$18,485 36

TOWN'S INDEBTEDNESS.

Notes as follows :

\$1,500 due Feb. 24, 1898,	\$ 1,500 00
1,000 due annually Jan. 1,	11,000 00
	\$12,500 00

R. C. HILLMAN, Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have this day finished my examination of the books of R. C. Hillman, Town Clerk and Treasurer of Colrain, and certify that they are correct.

H. O. SCOTT,

February 22, 1898.

Auditor.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

R. C. HILLMAN, TOWN CLERK,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF COLRAIN, FOR THE YEAR 1897.

Dr.

To cash for 10 licenses for female dogs, \$5.00,	\$ 50 00
· cash for 71 licenses for male dogs, \$2.00,	142 00
	\$192 00

Cr.

By cash paid Eugene A. Newcomb, County Treasurer,	\$175 80
clerk's fees, 81 licenses at 20 cents,	16 20
	\$192 00

R. C. HILLMAN, Town Clerk.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS :

In accordance with custom as well as duty we take pleasure in offering you this report of our official acts for the year ending February 19, 1898. At the commencement of our year we were confronted with the fact that there were many old bills that were unpaid and many cases of settlements that were unsettled, one of which (Philip Whitney) is now in controversy.

We feel to congratulate the people of the town on the existence of the electric railway within its borders, with the understanding that the agreement or franchise should be adhered to by the parties mutually interested.

This board has had occasion to request some slight alterations of the poles adjacent to the highway which request was complied with. We have also done some grading of the highway adjacent to the railway track in Griswoldville and in front of the "Willis Mills Block" so-called, at an expense of \$73.95, one half of which the S. F. & C. St. R. R. Co., according to the franchise pays.

Very little damage to person or property has occurred in consequence of running the cars, and the company as well as its officers and employees, should receive the thanks of the public for the care and good judgment exercised.

The large amount of extra work upon the Roads and Bridges expected but not provided for in the Annual Appropriations, has made it necessary to exceed the appropriations in that department.

Your Board adopted the motto : "That what is worth doing for the public is worth doing well," expended \$807.71 for the abutments to place the bridge upon at Lyonsville previously contracted for. We believe it to be money well expended in the end.

We invite your careful attention to the Tabulated Statement of amounts expended for Extra Road and Bridge Work caused in part by the freshets in the early summer and largely by the hand of Time.

We had reason to believe that a short piece of macadam road would be built in town by the State Highway Commission during the past year, but for reasons unknown to us, the sum of \$3,000 allotted to this town was expended in finishing the road to the town line.

Your Board of Selectmen have attended a hearing before the State Commission with a view to getting a part of the unallotted \$200,000 of last year's appropriation by the state assigned to this town.

The State Commission having accepted our "petition," surveyed and cross-sectioned the road covered by said petition, it would seem that we might reasonably expect its construction in the near future.

At the commencement of our official term we found that the dependent soldiers residing in town were receiving Military Aid, instead of State Aid, the former class the state reimbursing the town one-half, while in the latter the state reimburses the whole.

All the beneficiaries are now, and have been during the year, except the month of February, 1897, receiving State Aid, a saving to the town of quite a sum.

The appropriation of \$100 for needy veterans of G. A. R. has not been used.

The appropriation of \$50 for Memorial Day was expended, and the day was observed with appropriate exercises, in which the children, "The hope of the nation," took an active part.

As Overseers of the Poor, we have had much to do in determining settlements, and discriminating between those who are unfortunate and from necessity become a public charge, and that other class, who though able are unwilling to help themselves.

Kind friends and former citizens of the town have come to your assistance and provided for "Their own," the Board of Overseers only seeing that the unfortunates were well cared for, thus

leaving an unexpended balance of the appropriation amounting to \$24.97.

Several items usually reckoned as incidentals have been charged to the department of Highways and Bridges and other departments, leaving an unexpended balance in that appropriation of \$202.62.

The appropriation of \$1,000 for town debt has been used, while the amount appropriated for interest has not been entirely used on account of a temporary loan of \$1,500 from the state, which is now due but not paid, the interest on same amounting to \$26.25, which would still leave an unexpended balance of \$18.50.

The appropriation for State Tax was \$500 and only \$420 required and a fine of \$9 charged to the town for nine days delinquency in making returns of expenses of poor as required by law, leaving a balance unexpended of \$71.

The appropriation for County Tax was insufficient to the amount of \$128.21; the amount appropriated being \$900, amount paid \$1,028.21.

The Librarian was voted \$25 which amount she has received for her labor and use of her house for library room.

The amount of \$50 appropriated for Library has been expended.

The appropriation (\$100) for the prosecution of illegal selling of liquors has not been used for the reason that we have not been able to procure evidence sufficient to commence a prosecution.

The special appropriation of \$125 for the construction of the Highway at Shattuckville, laid out by this board and accepted by the town has been used in part; \$75 having been paid to the contractors who having nearly completed the road but not to the acceptance of this board the sum of \$50 has been retained until the same has been accepted.

In justice to the contractors, we would say that the reason for the non-completion of the road was on account of the closing in of winter.

The appropriation of \$25 for the purchase of a burial lot for the poor has not been used, for the reason that we have not been able to make satisfactory terms.

We have given you a summary of what we have done with the appropriations of money you made for our use for the year, which amounted to \$9,125, and the sum of \$3,870 appropriated for schools, including the sum of \$360 for School Superintendent, makes the total of appropriations \$12,995, and to provide for this amount the tax levy was only \$10,156.46, leaving a deficit of \$2,838.54.

Is it a wonder that we have had to borrow the sum of \$4,500 to meet the emergencies caused by the freshets, and other reasons beyond our control?

We would recommend that the Board of Assessors be left unhampered by any vote of the town fixing the rate per cent. to be assessed on one dollar in valuation, that they may follow the law, Chap. XI, Sec. XXXIV, in the levying of taxes for the current year.

We desire to express our appreciation of the efforts of a large number of the road overseers in the judicious care and expenditures of the public money at their disposal; they are an important factor in the affairs of the town, and should exhibit a degree of pride in the maintenance of the highways under their charge.

The severe storms of the winter have made it necessary to expend much labor in opening the roads blocked by snow.

No charge has as yet been made to this board except one.

There should be a definite understanding between the officers of the town and the tax payers with reference to paying for opening the public roads made impassable with snow.

"The laborer is worthy of his hire," if one is paid all should be if they demand the same; on the other hand, should there be any number of public-spirited citizens (and there are many in town) who are willing to assist in keeping the highways open in winter free of charge, that is not deemed a sufficient reason for others to do the same.

In compliance with Chap. LIII, Sect. 2 of the P. S. of Mass., we submit the following report of guide posts, necessary for the convenience of travellers, and which in our judgment should be maintained:

One near the house of H. W. Thompson.

One at top of Chandler hill.

One at the forks of the road near Willis Place.

One at the forks of the road near A. A. Smith's.

One at Griswoldville covered bridge.

One at the bridge near Edgar Kendrick's shop.

One at the forks of the road near Joel L. Clark's.

One at the forks of the road at the Bell turn.

One at the forks of the road near brick school house.

We have purchased a suitable book case for the preservation of books, papers and laws, received from the commonwealth at an expense of \$16.

This purchase was made imperative by law and duty.

The attention of this board has been called to Chap. 439, Acts of 1897, by the Commissioner of Public Records, which law requires the better care of records.

We recommend an appropriation sufficient to meet the requirements of the law.

In view of the fact that the bridges and abutments are in good condition except the painting of the iron bridges, we would recommend the following appropriations for the year 1898 :

Highways and Bridges,	\$2,500 00
Support of Poor,	1,000 00
Incidentals,	300 00
Town Officers,	700 00
State Aid,	600 00
Town Debt,	1,000 00
Interest,	500 00
State Tax,	420 00
County Tax,	1,200 00
Schools,	3,800 00
Memorial Day,	50 00
Indigent Soldiers and Families,	100 00
Enforcing the Liquor Law,	100 00

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. THOMPSON,	{	Selectmen
H. A. HOWARD,		of
A. A. SMITH,		Colrain.

Amount expended for highways and bridges, commencing at Shelburne line, running north to the north-east end of iron bridge at Griswoldville, Francis Thompson, surveyor,	\$52 62
Commencing at Shelburne line (old road), thence to the so-called Fox bridge; also from the west end of iron bridge at Shattuckville, to Shelburne line east of Irving Call's, H. F. Purrington, surveyor,	24 30
Commencing at Charlemont line, thence to the iron bridge below Shattuckville; also from said road up the hill to the Dwight place; also the road to the Farnsworth place, Wm. H. Bardwell, surveyor,	35 30
Commencing at the Dwight road, thence north to the Dutton road, Thomas O'Brien, surveyor,	13 20
Commencing at the Dutton road, to Taylor brook road, E. R. Cobb, surveyor,	22 96
Commencing at the Dutton road, thence to the branch road near H. J. Smith's, N. F. Shippee, surveyor,	32 84
Commencing at the Fox bridge, so-called, thence north to the gate house at Griswold's dam; also High street in Griswoldville, J. F. McClellan, surveyor,	20 40
Commencing at gate house, thence to Colrain City; also old road over hill near Mr. Hatch's to main road; also from main road across Lyon bridge to main road to Adamsville, A. A. Smith, surveyor,	55 96
Commencing at the east end of Griswoldville upper bridge, thence north to the Red Mill, H. J. Smith, surveyor,	28 80
Commencing at the Red Mill, thence north to C. Walter Davenport's road; also the road to A. O. Davenport's house, Jona E. Davenport, surveyor,	27 23
Commencing at Walter Davenport's road, thence north to site of the old school house near Adamsville, C. F. Fairbanks, surveyor,	34 95
Commencing at school house site thence north to forks of road near Joel L. Clark's, C.W. Hillinan, surveyor,	15 15

Commencing at forks of road near Joel L. Clark's, following the branch to Heath line; also to house of M. B. Crosier and Saunders Brook road to Heath line, Frank A. Dunnell, surveyor,	\$50 49
Commencing at east end of branch bridge near Kendrick's shop to Cobb bridge on Taylor brook, E. B. Smith, surveyor,	32 62
Commencing at Cobb bridge to Walden bridge; also road to Adamsville and C. W. Maxam's, Robert Merrifield, surveyor.	39 52
From east end of Walden bridge, Taylor Brook road to Heath line; also old road to Heath line, J. A. Dwight, surveyor.	50 85
Commencing at east end of Tisdale bridge to house of C. F. White; also south, past house of J. & E. Davenport to main road at Adamsville, Charles F. White, surveyor,	20 21
Commencing at forks of the road near Joel L. Clark's, thence north (Christian Hill road), to the house of J. Warren Burrington, E. W. Clark, surveyor,	30 00
From J. W. Burrington, to Christian Hill church; also from school house to Nichols road, O. H. Taylor, surveyor,	22 95
From Christian Hill to State line near G. H. Phillips'; also to State line near Frank Upton's; also West-erly to Heath line, Harold D. Bowen, surveyor,	27 90
Commencing at the branch road near J. E. Bowen's thence northeast to Christian Hill School House, Geo. D. Stetson, surveyor,	30 60
Commencing at the main road near Joel L. Clark's, thence to the road near Arnold Hersick's, Wayne Hillman, surveyor,	56 70
Commencing at the branch road near Adamsville, thence easterly to the Great Brook (so-called,) Chester W. Smith, surveyor,	44 85

From Wilson hill school house to house of Joseph Hersick, M. S. Harrit, surveyor,	\$21 82
Commencing at the Red Mill, past Baptist Church, through Foundry Village, main road to Colrain, J. B. Clark, surveyor,	30 40
Commencing at the bridge near Chas. Harris' to house of Z. J. Dunton, H. O. Scott, surveyor,	9 70
Commencing at north end of city bridge, thence to the house of C. L. Brigham, Alvah Eldredge, surveyor,	30 00
From C. L. Brigham's to Vermont line; also from covered bridge to Wood place, H. W. Thompson, surveyor,	56 35
Commencing at County road near A. Eldredge's, thence west to Frank L. Purrington's, Frank L. Purrington, surveyor,	9 22
Commencing at the road near A. Eldredge's, thence east to summit of Avery hill, Herbert Donelson, surveyor,	18 75
Commencing at forks of road near C. L. Brigham's, thence to house of F. S. Fairbanks, M. O. Nichols, surveyor,	21 55
From forks of road near M. O. Nichols' to Great brook, (so-called,) M. A. Thompson, surveyor,	25 50
Commencing at the forks of road near M. A. Thompson's to Geo. R. Patterson's house, Geo. R. Patterson, surveyor,	3 00
Commencing at the forks of road near H. W. Thompson, thence westerly to the turn of the road near D. B. Meacham's, J. W. Carpenter, surveyor,	50 12
From the Meacham turn, thence west to the main road near Christian Hill church, J. A. Galvin, surveyor,	23 35
Commencing at the forks of the road near the P. O. at Elm Grove, thence easterly to the forks of the road near Geo. Nelson's, Frank Cromack, surveyor,	26 11

From Vermont line, near house of Geo. Nelson, to bridge near Miller school house, Geo. Nelson, surveyor,	\$42 50
Commencing at the north end of city bridge, thence south over Chandler Hill, to Brick School House, H. A. Howard, surveyor,	113 43
From forks of road near W. G. Rickett's south to forks of the road near Joel Cones', W. G. Rickett, surveyor,	34 80
From Shelburne line thence past Joel Cone's to Shelburne line near house of R. M. Coombs, R. M. Coombs, surveyor,	27 43
Commencing at the county road, near Mrs. J. F. Miller's, thence past Roberts Bothers to Shelburne line near E. W. Coombs', Charles Roberts, surveyor,	22 72
From county road near Milo Sprague's to main road near F. W. Conant's house, F. W. Conant, surveyor,	28 80
Commencing at the brick school house thence south to Shelburne line, E. F. Copeland, surveyor,	14 25
Commencing at the forks of the road near M. M. Johnson's, thence to the forks of the road near the brick school house; also from Bell road to your line, A. O. Nelson, surveyor,	18 30
Commencing at forks of road near E. F. Copeland's, thence easterly to the road leading to Bardwell road, J. N. Miner, surveyor,	41 55
Commencing at the forks of the road near brick school thence east to forks of road near Horace Browning's, Amos Stewart, surveyor,	16 45
From forks of road near H. S. Browning's to Shelburne line (south), Elias Bardwell, surveyor,	22 02
From forks of road near H. S. Browning's, east to Green River road, H. S. Browning, surveyor,	14 40
From forks of road near Nelson's Mill, south to Greenfield town line, C. B. Dennison, surveyor,	17 34

From the forks of the road near Nelson's Mill, north to Amos Stewart's north line, D. W. Nelson, surveyor,	\$85 35
From Amos Stewart's north line, north to forks of the road near Frank D. Thompson's, Wm. Martin, surveyor,	34 50
From forks of road near Frank Thompson's, north to Vermont line, E. B. Stewart, surveyor,	27 05
Commencing at the forks of the road near Mattison's mill, north to Green River road; also Morley road to top of Avery hill, Horace Kemp, surveyor,	32 25
Commencing at Green River road near T. R. Miller's, thence west past the Miller school house and new road to Vermont line; also south on old road to road over Franklin hill, T. R. Miller, surveyor,	12 36
From Miller school house, south to Green River road, near E. B. Stewart's, S. W. Wheeler, surveyor,	12 75
From S. B. Johnson's line, thence westerly to forks of road near T. R. Shearer's, S. B. Johnson, surveyor,	9 47
Total,	\$1,731 99

EXPENSE OF BRIDGES.

Lyon bridge,	\$1,134 70
Adamsville,	425 11
Morrison bridge,	250 86
Willis Mill bridge,	84 17
Davenport bridge,	29 15
Churchill bridge,	47 22
Dunnell bridge,	246 16
D. Lusty bridge,	19 38
Temporary bridge at Lyonsville,	38 29
	\$2,275 04

EXTRA WORK ON HIGHWAYS.

Grading near Willis mill,	\$206 47	
Grading in Griswoldville,	98 57	
Filling at Lyonsville bridge,	90 15	
Fortifying near F. Brown's,	9 25	
T. R. Miller, road,	7 65	
New road at Shattuckville,	75 00	
Surveying for new road,	17 75	
		\$ 504 84
Railing,	\$118 99	
Tile,	72 90	
Plank and timber for small bridges,	80 01	
Harry Bell, for crossing land,	2 00	
		273 90
Total expense of Highways and Bridges,		\$4,785 77

INCIDENTALS.

Appropriation,	400 00
Amount expended,	197 38

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Appropriation,	1,000 00
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EXPENDED :

O. M. Brown, for A. Dutton,	\$ 27 50
James T. Connell, for Mrs. Warren,	88 00
A. A. Smith, for transportation of Stodard family,	9 76
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, Rachel Jeffords,	174 46
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, Elizabeth Young,	174 46
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, Raymond Kemp,	47 36
O. M. Brown, Wm. E. and F. Southworth,	133 00
W. A. Davis, for Wm. E. and F. Southworth,	28 00
Smith & Hillman, supplies for Wm. E. and F. Southworth,	2 50

J. W. Cram, M. D., medical attendance Mrs. Lucia,	\$ 26 80	
Charles Wolfram, for Lucia family,	14 73	
Lizzie Pelcher, washing, Lucia family,	13 00	
H. S. Swan, casket J. W. Babbitt,	20 00	
P. Looman, supplies Geo. Miller,	6 00	
Dennison & Smith, supplies Geo. Miller,	24 00	
Town of Shelburne, medical attendance Southworth,	11 00	
J. W. Cram, medical attendance Mrs. Chartier,	25 00	
J. W. Cram, medicine to A. Dutton,	1 50	
J. W. Cram, medical attendance Henry Parady,	30 00	
Dennison & Smith, supplies A. Martin,	18 58	
H. O. Scott, supplies Henry Parady,	50 02	
Charles Wolfram, supplies Mrs. Balille,	8 80	
Herbert Peters, care Mrs. Balille,	2 50	
A. A. Smith, paid Mrs. Tibbets for care Mrs. Balille,	7 50	
A. A. Smith, paid clothing and transportation Mrs. J. Lucia,	3 05	
H. A. Howard, expense in Call case,	9 71	
H. A. Howard, expenses in Whitney case,	7 50	
A. A. Smith, expenses looking after poor,	10 30	
		\$975 03

STATE AND MILITARY AID.

Appropriation,		600 00
State Aid,	\$504 00	
Military Aid,	24 00	
		528 00

TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation,		700 00
R. C. Hillman, treasurer,	\$50 00	
H. W. Thompson, selectman,	50 00	
H. A. Howard, selectman,	50 00	

A. A. Smith, selectman,	\$ 50 00
W. H. Kemp, assessor,	39 50
H. M. Peterson, assessor,	35 00
M. L. Thompson, assessor,	32 50
Geo. Cary, school committee,	25 00
F. S. Field, school committee,	21 50
W. T. Francis, school committee,	25 00
J. C. Thompson, collector of taxes,	125 00
A. A. Smith, supt. of streets,	35 00
R. C. Hillman, service as register clerk and re- cording statistics,	39 60
J. B. Clark, hearseman,	53 00
Geo. E. Matteson, sexton,	12 00
H. J. Smith, sexton,	28 00
Herbert Donelson, sexton,	6 00
O. H. Taylor, sexton,	6 00
J. C. Thompson, constable,	6 00
F. I. Shippee, constable,	5 00
F. H. Thompson, constable,	1 50
Geo. H. Carpenter, registrar,	10 00
Elias Bardwell, registrar,	8 00
W. H. Donelson, registrar,	6 00
C. L. Donelson, ballot clerk,	2 00
Jona E. Davenport, ballot clerk,	2 00
F. L. Kendrick, ballot clerk,	2 00
F. W. Purrington, ballot clerk,	2 00
C. Webster Smith, inspector of cattle etc.,	28 50
J. W. Cram, secretary board of health,	26 25
	\$782 35

COUNY TAX.

Appropriation,	\$ 900 00
Paid tax,	1,028 21

STATE TAX.

Appropriation,	\$ 500 00
Paid,	420 00
Free Public Librarian,	147 45
Librarian,	25 00
Memorial Day,	50 00
Supt. of Schools,	360 00
Schools,	4,257 84
Town Debt,	1,000 00
Interest,	506 25
Old bills,	497 72
Temporary loans,	3,000 00

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Due from the state, on acct. state aid,	\$504 00
the state, on acct. military aid,	12 00
Montague, on acct. of poor,	18 58
state, on acct. of Lucia family,	54 53
from Shelburne Falls & Colrain St. R. R. Co.,	36 97
	\$626 08

RECAPITULATION.

Amounts Appropriated.		Amounts Expended.
\$3,125 00	Highways and bridges,	\$4,785 77
400 00	Incidentals,	197 38
1,000 00	Support of poor,	975 03
600 00	State and military aid,	528 00
700 00	Town officers,	782 35
900 00	County tax,	1,028 21
500 00	State tax,	420 00
50 00	Free Public Library,	147 45
25 00	Librarian,	25 00

Amounts Appropriated.		Amounts Expended.
50 00	Memorial Day,	\$ 50 00
360 00	Superintendent of Schools,	360 00
3,510 00	Schools,	4,257 84
1,000 00	Town debt,	1,000 00
550 00	Interest,	506 00
	Old bills,	497 72
100 00	Indigent soldiers and families,	
25 00	For purchase of burial lot,	
100 00	For prosecution of illegal liquor selling,	
	Temporary loans,	3,000 00
\$12,995 00		\$18,560 75

I have this day finished my examination of the bills presented to the School Committee since my last report, and compared same with orders given and find same correct; also the accounts of the Librarian, and find same correct. The inventory of the Library shows 733 volumes at this date.

February 12, 1898.

H. O. SCOTT,

Auditor.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have this day finished my examination of the Selectmen's books and accounts and certify that they are correct. The inventory as given by them is as follows :

Plates and bolts for scraper, also die and taps in charge of W. S. Allard, 1 bridge wrench at C. N. Carpenter's, 1 bridge wrench at A. A. Smith's, also at latter place, 5 drills, spoon and tamping iron, 2 hearses at J. B. Clark's, 2 road scrapers. Housed for the winter, 1 sealing apparatus, one new book case, 2 safes, 1 derrick and 1 cable chain, about 50 feet tile, 1 m bridge plank ; in care of selectmen, 2 thimble skeins for scraper in care of Mr. Marcy, 1 cord stove wood at town hall.

Respectfully submitted,

H. O. SCOTT, Auditor.

February 22, 1898.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH.

During the past summer there developed quite an extensive epidemic of scarlet fever. There has been no fatal case, and only one of a very severe nature.

Number of cases reported is as follows :

During month of June,	1
“ “ July,	1
“ “ August,	12
“ “ September,	2
“ “ October,	1
“ “ November,	5
“ “ December,	1
Total,	23

There have occurred quite a number more cases of the disease, where no physician was called, which were not reported, and the Board desires to call the attention of the citizens of the town to the law relating to contagious diseases, as far as it relates to householders.

The text of the law is as follows :

“When a householder knows that a person within his family or house is sick of small-pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever or any other infectious or contagious disease dangerous to the public health, he shall immediately give notice thereof to the Board of Health of the city or town in which he dwells, and upon the death, recovery or removal of such person, such of the rooms of said house and such of the articles therein, as in the opinion of the Board of Health, have been subjected to infection or contagion, shall be disinfected by such householder to the satisfaction of said Board of Health. Any

person neglecting or refusing to comply with either of the above provisions, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars."

We wish to call the attention of the people to the erroneous idea that most of them seem to have, that if they call a physician to attend a contagious disease, the family is not obliged to report to the Board of Health.

H. W. THOMPSON,	}	Board of Health.
H. A. HOWARD,		
A. A. SMITH,		
J. W. CRAM, Sec.,		

ASSESSORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR 1897.

		Tax.
Whole number of polls assessed,	467	\$ 934 00
Total amount of real estate assessed,	\$4,105 02	6,568 03
Total amount of personal estate assessed,	1,658 87	2,653 09
Total amount of property assessed,	\$ 5,763 89	
Total amount raised by tax,		\$10,155 12
Number assessed on property,		348
Number assessed for polls only,		181
Total number assessed,		529

FOR THE YEAR 1896.

		Tax.
Whole number of polls assessed,	427	\$ 854 00
Total amount of real estate assessed,	\$4,014 13	6,021 20
Total amount of personal estate assessed,	1,685 99	2,528 66
Total amount of property assessed,	\$5,700 12	
Total amount raised by tax,		\$9,403 86
Number assessed on property,		393
Number assessed for polls only,		155
Total number assessed,		548

WALTER H. KEMP,	}	Assessors of Colrain.
M. L. THOMPSON,		
H. M. PETERSON,		

TOWN OF COLRAIN.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY,

1898.

1898:

WALDEN & CRAWLEY, BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS,
North Adams, Mass.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1898-99.

SPRING TERM.—Begins Monday, April 11 ; ends Friday, June 17, ten weeks.

FALL TERM.—Begins Monday, August 29 ; ends Friday, November 18, twelve weeks.

WINTER TERM.—Begins Monday, November 28 ; ends Friday, January 20, eight weeks.

HOLIDAYS.—Patriot's Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

GEORGE W. CARY, Chairman,

WILLIAM T. FRANCIS, Secretary,

FRANK S. FIELD,

CHARLES P. HALL, Superintendent.

TRUANT OFFICERS.

JOHN C. THOMPSON,

C. WEBSTER SMITH.

SCHOOL REPORT.

As a whole, your Committee feel well satisfied with the schools in general for the past year.

As is always the case, there have been some schools which have not given entire satisfaction, and in these we have changed teachers as soon as it seemed best, if this seemed the proper remedy.

Some changes have also been made on account of sickness on the part of teachers.

Altogether there have been too many changes.

That teacher who has worked in the same school for some time becomes more successful just as a workman in any other occupation becomes more efficient from steady employment along one line of work. We believe that the salaries of our teachers should be increased to nearer that of surrounding towns in order that we may retain the best.

We have expended a considerably larger sum on repairs this year than has usually been spent for that purpose.

The Christian Hill house has been enlarged, repaired and repainted at a cost of about \$190. This may seem to you a large sum, but we think that it is as low a figure as it could be done for and insure good workmanship and good material.

The Bardwell house has been repaired and painted as has also the one at Adamsville.

Although at least two of the houses should be painted our bills for repairs cannot be as large for the coming year.

We would recommend the following appropriations :

Teachers, fuel and care of school rooms,	\$2,600 00
Transportation,	300 00
Supplies,	300 00
School Superintendent,	360 00
High School Tuition,	110 00

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF COLRAIN :

I have the pleasure to present hereby my fifth report as Superintendent of Schools.

The schools of this town all properly come under the head of what are called country or rural schools, and, as such, have the advantages and disadvantages that belong to such schools. How to solve the rural school problem is a question that has had vigorous discussion in recent years throughout the country, both in educational meetings and in legislative halls, and in fact, has been a topic for consideration in religious bodies.

In July, 1895, a committee of the National Council of Education, representing all sections of the country, made quite an exhaustive report upon this theme. This report received hearty approval and earnest comment everywhere, and was made the basis of legislative action in several states.

Their recommendations were these: An equality of taxation for school purposes; a distribution of school funds that will "insure a reasonable support to the weakest school, and at the same time act as a stimulant in obtaining the highest possible per cent. of attendance"; the town management of schools rather than the district system; the granting of high school privileges in neighboring towns to children where no high school is supported; the uniting of small schools and transporting the children; some training for the teachers.

It will be noticed that our state is in the fore front in nearly all things proposed in this report. We have equality of taxation in towns, and the "one mill tax bill," which passed the last legislature but was vetoed by the governor, made it equal in the State in this extent. This bill, I think to, is just and is sure to become a law in the near future. Our truancy laws aim at a higher per cent. of atten-

dance. For several years the town management has endeavored to give equal privileges of school to all children. The children of this town can have their tuition paid at any high school in the vicinity, whenever they are prepared to do the work. I wish the same arrangement could be made with Arms Academy, but we have not yet been able to bring it about.

Again, our state recognizes the right of committees to close small schools and convey the children to others whenever the general good seems to demand it. This practice is increasing quite rapidly showing that its advantages are coming to be more generally appreciated, so that in many places parents and children ask the committee to furnish transportation to larger and better schools. By the report of the State Board of Education, made to the Legislature last month, it is shown that \$105,317 was paid for the conveyance of children last year, an increase of \$14,181 over that of the preceding year. The amount expended in 1888-89 was only \$22,118. Says the report: "This increase in cost measures the extent of the consolidation of small schools now going on."

The children from the Churchill school have been carried to Adamsville for several years; those from the Miller school to Four Corners, and those from the Spurr to Elm Grove for two years. The children from the South school have recently been carried to the Centre, but last spring several more children came into that neighborhood, and not being able to get them carried, we were obliged to open that school, and continue it through the spring and fall terms. This winter, however, the children have again been conveyed to the Centre, and this plan has been so much more satisfactory in every way than carrying on a little school of seven, that it should be continued. It would be much better for the schools if two or three more of the small ones could be consolidated with others, but the location is such that the distance seems too long to carry the children.

The last suggestion in the report upon rural schools, referred to above, has these strong words: "The weakness of the rural schools is in the want of skilled teaching." Secretary Hill, of our State

Board, says: "There is an increasing earnestness of demand for scholarship, professional training and heart in the teacher." While only four of our teachers the past year have had professional training, a much larger number has had the training that comes from experience. The time is near at hand when teachers will be required to have either successful experience or Normal training to obtain positions in the schools of this State. Hence, all who are looking forward to teaching should get the training.

We have had more changes in our corps of teachers this year than last, partly for reasons beyond our control, and partly for what seemed greater efficiency in the service. The pay of our teachers is not sufficient to keep the best ones when other localities call for them, and so our schools serve as a place of training for teachers in more favored towns. In most of our schools the work done by our teachers has been excellent and the results quite satisfactory. Others have failed to accomplish what we hoped for and anticipated, partly because the teacher was not fully master of the situation, and in some cases because parents took more pains to criticise than to sustain the teacher.

When parents listen with approval to all the complaints of their children without hearing the other side of the controversy, they are putting large stumbling-blocks in the way of a teacher's success, hindering the best interests of the school, and training their children to disregard authority. If parents would visit the schools more frequently they would come into closer sympathy with the work done, be in better condition to pass judgment upon it, and also lend encouragement to teacher and pupils. There is too little of this done. Parents know much more about the surroundings of calves and sheep away from home than they do about their children in school.

We have held the usual number of teachers' meetings, at which the attendance has been excellent, considering the long distances many had to travel. All the teachers attended the County meeting at Greenfield in the fall, and several of them the spring meeting at Northfield. Most of them have also availed themselves of opportunities to visit other schools in this and adjoining towns, and thus,

in these ways, to try to keep themselves in touch with the best methods of modern teaching.

The vertical system of writing has been in use for several years in some cities and towns, and more and more with the succeeding years. We have hesitated about introducing it, thinking it might prove a fad to shortly be discarded, but its steady growth in popularity, and the uniformly good results claimed for it everywhere, led us to think we ought not to delay its use any longer. Accordingly, at the beginning of the fall term it was introduced into all the schools of the town, with the exception of the two grammar schools. The teachers practiced it through the summer, so that they were all ready to teach it by example, and the children took it up quickly. The results have been better than we had anticipated. A clear, legible hand is all that is claimed for it, and a large number of our children have already attained it in the five months. Many of them write better in this style than by the old system, which they had practiced for years. I wish that all who are interested would visit the schools and examine it.

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SHATTUCKVILLE, Jan. 28, 1898.

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		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
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Elm Grove.	Mina L. Hillman.	6	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	6
Foundry Grammar.	Minnie L. Yetter.	7	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	7
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	Rose O. Eddy.	16	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	16
	Nettie E. Campbell.	17	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	17
	Myra I. Hurd.	18	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	18
	Charlotte C. Bullard.	19	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	19
	Lottie S. Brown.	20	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	20
	Gladys C. Ameden.	21	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	21
	Maud M. Purrington.	22	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	22
	Grace L. Donelson.	23	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	23
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supplies,	300 00
high school tuition,	110 00
repairs,	200 00
Received from town of Leyden, tuition,	14 04
town of Shelburne, tuition,	59 27
H. L. Pickett, tuition,	11 69
Roswell Robinson,	3 00
dog fund,	130 21
Mass. school fund,	381 28
state on account of schooling state wards,	15 00
	\$4,124 49

There is due the town from Frank Upton for tuition, \$16.00.

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for teachers' salaries,	\$2,811 60
supplies,	348 68
transportation,	314 15
fuel,	115 51
cleaning and care of school rooms,	180 90
repairs,	400 75
	\$4,171 59
High school tuition,	\$105 00

TRUANT OFFICERS.

Paid John C. Thompson,	\$4 50	
C. Webster Smith,	3 00	
		\$7 50

SUNDRIES.

Paid postage,	\$1 57	
C. P. Hall, postage, express, and		
freight on supplies,	11 51	
C. P. Hall, for expenses in securing teachers,	85	
		\$13 93

SUPPLY AGENT.

Paid Charles P. Hall,	4 00	
		\$4,302 02

GEORGE W. CARY,	}	School Committee.
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REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

Cash on hand Feb. 20, 1897,	\$97 45
Received from Treasurer,	50 00
Received from Fines,	1 06
Received from Catalogues,	1 60
	\$150 11

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid H. S. Swan for bookcase,	\$ 6 50
C. W. Hawkes for insurance,	7 50
Walden & Crawley for catalogues,	15 75
Books, 124 volumes,	110 26
Magazines,	9 35
Stationery,	75
	150 11

No. vols. in library Feb. 1st, 1897,	589
No. of vols. added by purchase,	124
No. of vols. added by contribution,	20

Total Feb. 12, 1898,	733
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No. of vols. borrowed from Jan. 1, 1896 to Jan. 1, 1897,	133
No. of vols. borrowed from Jan. 1, 1897 to Jan. 1, 1898,	823

The circulation for the month of January, 1898 was 133, the largest in the history of the library. Much praise is due the librarian for her very earnest efforts in making our library one of the most flourishing of its size in the state, and has been highly commended by the State Board of Education. In keeping it up to its present high standard more money is needed, and we hereby recommend an additional appropriation of the sum of (\$50) fifty dollars.

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ROLL OF HONOR.

The following pupils have not been absent, tardy or dismissed during the number of terms named.

THREE TERMS.

Lelia Smead,	Byron Brown,
Willie Ariel,	Guy Miner.

TWO TERMS.

Evelyn Coombs,	Olive Wood,
Mildred Hillman,	William Cromack,
Emma Johnson,	Robin Crosier,
Ruth Purrington,	Elwin Johnson,
Mary Sessler,	Walter Looman,
Elsie Vincent,	Leo Miner,
Hazel Warner,	Rosco Nickols,
Martiel Warner,	Roy Nickols,
Goldy Wood,	Willie Richard,
Mildred Wood,	Roy Smead.

ONE TERM.

Alice Allard,	Eva Copeland,
Nettie Brown,	Kate Fink,
Sadie Carr,	Silvia Harris,
Bessie Hillman,	Leon Denison,
Belle Howard,	Christian Fink,
Rosie Lively,	Fred Fink,
Helen McGee,	Fredie Gilderdale,
Addie Miller,	Harry Grise,
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Leon Carpenter,
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Charles Cronin,
Alonzo Crosier,
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Robert Lusty,
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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SCHOOL REPORT.

As a whole, your Committee feel well satisfied with the schools in general for the past year.

As is always the case, there have been some schools which have not given entire satisfaction, and in these we have changed teachers as soon as it seemed best, if this seemed the proper remedy.

Some changes have also been made on account of sickness on the part of teachers.

Altogether there have been too many changes.

That teacher who has worked in the same school for some time becomes more successful just as a workman in any other occupation becomes more efficient from steady employment along one line of work. We believe that the salaries of our teachers should be increased to nearer that of surrounding towns in order that we may retain the best.

We have expended a considerably larger sum on repairs this year than has usually been spent for that purpose.

The Christian Hill house has been enlarged, repaired and repainted at a cost of about \$190. This may seem to you a large sum, but we think that it is as low a figure as it could be done for and insure good workmanship and good material.

The Bardwell house has been repaired and painted as has also the one at Adamsville.

Although at least two of the houses should be painted our bills for repairs cannot be as large for the coming year.

We would recommend the following appropriations:

Teachers, fuel and care of school rooms,	\$2,600 00
Transportation,	300 00
Supplies,	300 00
School Superintendent,	360 00
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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF COLRAIN :

I have the pleasure to present hereby my fifth report as Superintendent of Schools.

The schools of this town all properly come under the head of what are called country or rural schools, and, as such, have the advantages and disadvantages that belong to such schools. How to solve the rural school problem is a question that has had vigorous discussion in recent years throughout the country, both in educational meetings and in legislative halls, and in fact, has been a topic for consideration in religious bodies.

In July, 1895, a committee of the National Council of Education, representing all sections of the country, made quite an exhaustive report upon this theme. This report received hearty approval and earnest comment everywhere, and was made the basis of legislative action in several states.

Their recommendations were these: An equality of taxation for school purposes; a distribution of school funds that will "insure a reasonable support to the weakest school, and at the same time act as a stimulant in obtaining the highest possible per cent. of attendance"; the town management of schools rather than the district system; the granting of high school privileges in neighboring towns to children where no high school is supported; the uniting of small schools and transporting the children; some training for the teachers.

It will be noticed that our state is in the fore front in nearly all things proposed in this report. We have equality of taxation in towns, and the "one mill tax bill," which passed the last legislature but was vetoed by the governor, made it equal in the State in this extent. This bill, I think to, is just and is sure to become a law in the near future. Our truancy laws aim at a higher per cent. of atten-

dance. For several years the town management has endeavored to give equal privileges of school to all children. The children of this town can have their tuition paid at any high school in the vicinity, whenever they are prepared to do the work. I wish the same arrangement could be made with Arms Academy, but we have not yet been able to bring it about.

Again, our state recognizes the right of committees to close small schools and convey the children to others whenever the general good seems to demand it. This practice is increasing quite rapidly showing that its advantages are coming to be more generally appreciated, so that in many places parents and children ask the committee to furnish transportation to larger and better schools. By the report of the State Board of Education, made to the Legislature last month, it is shown that \$105,317 was paid for the conveyance of children last year, an increase of \$14,181 over that of the preceding year. The amount expended in 1888-89 was only \$22,118. Says the report: "This increase in cost measures the extent of the consolidation of small schools now going on."

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Appropriation for teachers, fuel and care of school rooms,	\$2,600 00
Appropriation for transportation,	300 00
supplies,	300 00
high school tuition,	110 00
repairs,	200 00
Received from town of Leyden, tuition,	14 04
town of Shelburne, tuition,	59 27
H. L. Pickett, tuition,	11 69
Roswell Robinson,	3 00
dog fund,	130 21
Mass. school fund,	381 28
state on account of schooling state wards,	15 00
	\$4,124 49

There is due the town from Frank Upton for tuition, \$16.00.

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for teachers' salaries,	\$2,811 60
supplies,	348 68
transportation,	314 15
fuel,	115 51
cleaning and care of school rooms,	180 90
repairs,	400 75
	\$4,171 59
High school tuition,	\$105 00

TRUANT OFFICERS.

Paid John C. Thompson,	\$4 50	
C. Webster Smith,	3 00	
		\$7 50

SUNDRIES.

Paid postage,	\$1 57	
C. P. Hall, postage, express, and		
freight on supplies,	11 51	
C. P. Hall, for expenses in securing teachers,	85	
		\$13 93

SUPPLY AGENT.

Paid Charles P. Hall,	4 00	
		\$4,302 02

GEORGE W. CARY,	}	School Committee.
WILLIAM T. FRANCIS,		
FRANK S. FIELD,		

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

Cash on hand Feb. 20, 1897,	\$97 45
Received from Treasurer,	50 00
Received from Fines,	1 06
Received from Catalogues,	1 60

\$150 11

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid H. S. Swan for bookcase,	\$ 6 50
C. W. Hawkes for insurance,	7 50
Walden & Crawley for catalogues,	15 75
Books, 124 volumes,	110 26
Magazines,	9 35
Stationery,	75

150 11

No. vols. in library Feb. 1st, 1897,	589
No. of vols. added by purchase,	124
No. of vols. added by contribution,	20

Total Feb. 12, 1898, 733

No. of vols. borrowed from Jan. 1, 1896 to Jan. 1, 1897,	133
No. of vols. borrowed from Jan. 1, 1897 to Jan. 1, 1898,	823

The circulation for the month of January, 1898 was 133, the largest in the history of the library. Much praise is due the librarian for her very earnest efforts in making our library one of the most flourishing of its size in the state, and has been highly commended by the State Board of Education. In keeping it up to its present high standard more money is needed, and we hereby recommend an additional appropriation of the sum of (\$50) fifty dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. CARY, W. T. FRANCIS, FRANK S. FIELD,	}	Library Trustees.
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ROLL OF HONOR.

The following pupils have not been absent, tardy or dismissed during the number of terms named.

THREE TERMS.

Lelia Smead,	Byron Brown,
Willie Ariel,	Guy Miner.

TWO TERMS.

Evelyn Coombs,	Olive Wood,
Mildred Hillman,	William Cromack,
Emma Johnson,	Robin Crosier,
Ruth Purrington,	Elwin Johnson,
Mary Sessler,	Walter Looman,
Elsie Vincent,	Leo Miner,
Hazel Warner,	Rosco Nickols,
Martiel Warner,	Roy Nickols,
Goldy Wood,	Willie Richard,
Mildred Wood,	Roy Smead.

ONE TERM.

Alice Allard,	Eva Copeland,
Nettie Brown,	Kate Fink,
Sadie Carr,	Silvia Harris,
Bessie Hillman,	Leon Denison,
Belle Howard,	Christian Fink,
Rosie Lively,	Fred Fink,
Helen McGee,	Fredie Gilderdale,
Addie Miller,	Harry Grise,
Dora Miller,	Dean Hillman,
Metilda Peltier,	Guy King,

Eva Purinton,
Malah Russell,
Rosie Schechterle,
Louisa Sessler,
Mabel Vincent,
Ethel Wood,
Albro Apt,
Arthur Brigham,
Jed Brown,
George Bushy,
Leon Carpenter,
Harvey Copeland,
Charles Cronin,
Alonzo Crosier,
Royal Davenport,

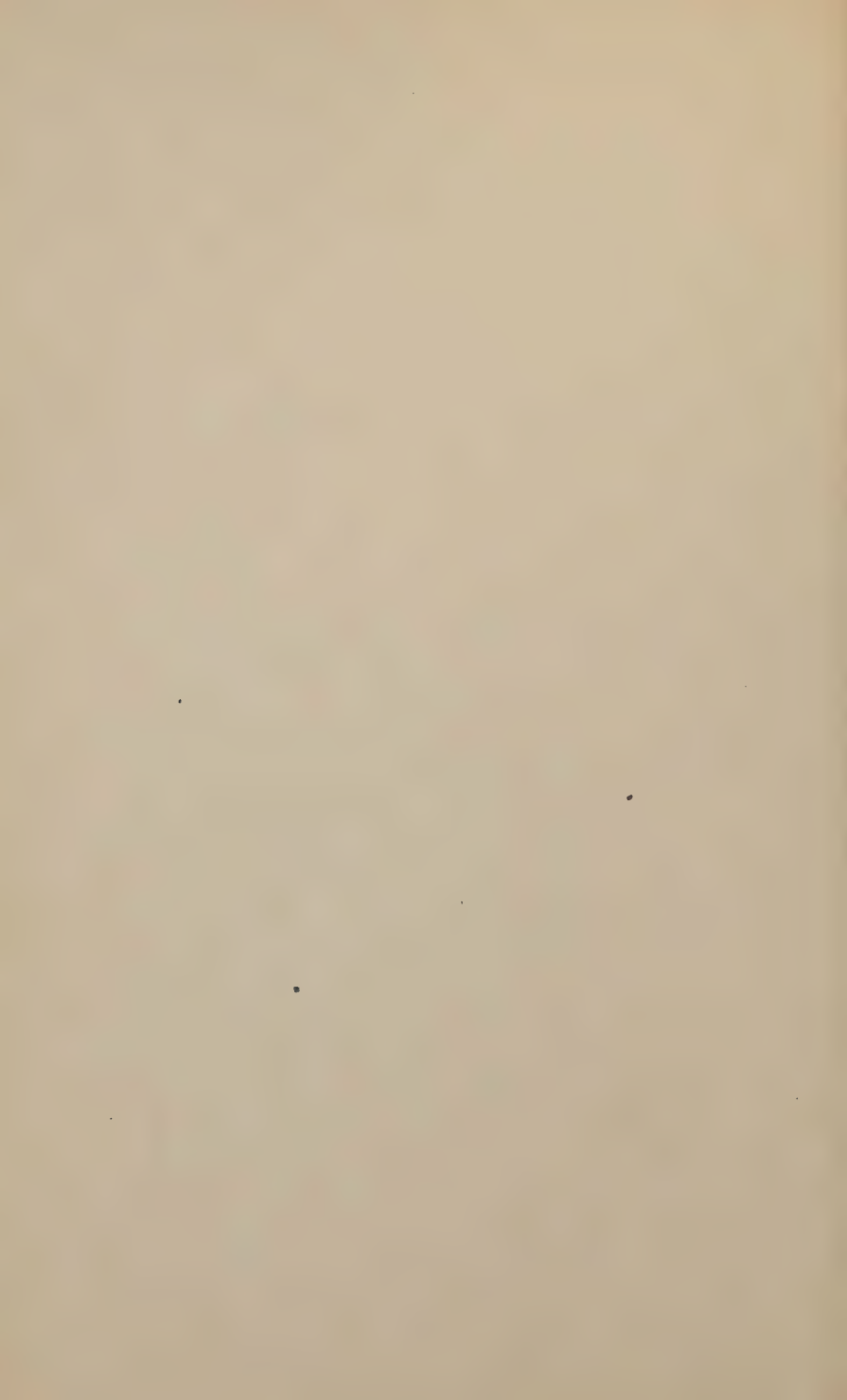
Louis King,
Walter King,
James Levalley,
Jessie Lively,
Willie Looman,
Leon Lucia,
Robert Lusty,
Stanley Maxam,
Lucian Miner,
Aodrew Revoir,
Henry Ricket,
Frank Stanton,
Albert Stetson,
George Thompson,
Ray Warner.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE TOWN OF COLRAIN FOR THE
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 24, 1899.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand February 22, 1899,	\$ 201 76
from State treasurer, on temporary loan,	4,000 00
State treasurer, on account of paupers,	105 16
Town of Montague, on account of paupers,	20 58
H. F. Purrington, butcher's license,	1 00
George W. Warner, butcher's license,	1 00
George McClallen, butcher's license,	1 00
State treasurer, account of inspection of animals,	30 45
State treasurer, account of education of children, Acts 1898, Chap. 100-119,	70 50
F. L. Davenport, interest from Levi Daven- port legacy,	50 00
State treasurer, account of superintendent of schools,	260 00
District court of Franklin,	22 00
Town of Montague, account of poor,	10 50
Henry J. Smith,	6 00
State treasurer, loan for state road,	2,000 00
State treasurer, on account of state road,	2,473 87
State treasurer, on account of corporation tax,	289 63
State treasurer, on account National bank,	190 06

Cash from State treasurer, on account of military aid,	
Chap. 279, Acts of 1894,	24 00
State treasurer, on account of state aid,	
Chap. 301, Acts of 1894,	484 00
State treasurer, on account of income of	
Massachusetts school fund,	459 24
County treasurer, dog money refunded,	89 87
Town of Shelburne, tuition,	24 00
A. H. Temple, collector taxes of 1898,	13,797 29
A. A. Smith, administrator of James Babbet	
estate,	15 00
Eli Stone, for use of derrick,	8 00
A. A. Smith, account of freight,	28 88
	\$24,663 79

ABATEMENTS FOR 1898.

Christian Finck,	\$11 00
Henry Thompson,	77
Lizzie Morley,	11 00
H. E. Ariel,	2 00
E. H. Ariel,	2 00
S. F. & C. Street Railway,	4 40
G. W. Warner,	12 10
John Shuillier,	1 65
C. Cootie,	1 10
Isadore St. Petre,	2 00
Geo. Nelson,	3 30
A. H. Temple,	2 00
E. H. Legate,	5 30
H. A. Martin,	2 00
Oscar Call,	7 70
Charles Call,	2 00
Mrs. Clara W. Deane,	30 55
N. F. Darby,	2 00
George H. Fay,	2 00

Henry Johnson,	2 88
John Scheiffler,	2 00
Joseph Morris,	2 00
W. W. Morgan,	2 00
Charles Smead,	44
Joseph Schan,	2 00
Joseph Larallie,	2 00
Warner Pratt,	2 00
E. J. Read,	3 30
Peter Baschan,	2 00
William Gregory,	2 00
	\$127 49

EXPENDITURES.

Temporary loan paid,	\$4,000 00
Interest paid on temporary loan,	145 54
Interest paid on loan of \$11,000,	440 00
Notes paid,	2,500 00
State aid, Chap. 301, Acts of 1894,	522 00
Military aid, Chap. 279, Acts of 1894,	36 00
County tax,	1,473 21
State tax,	360 00
Superintendent of schools,	360 00
Memorial day appropriation,	50 00
Library trustees,	100 00
Librarian of free library,	25 00
Assessors, abatement tax of 1898, as per list,	127 49
Selectmen's orders,	9,176 17
School orders.	4,515 40
Cash on hand,	832 98
	\$24,663 79

TOWN'S INDEBTEDNESS.

Ten notes of \$1,000 each, \$1,000 due annually, Jan. 1,	\$10,000 00
One note, on account of state roads, due April 1, '99,	2,000 00
	\$12,000 00

R. C. HILLMAN, Treasurer.

Colrain, Feb. 24, 1899.

 AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have this day finished my examination of the books of the Town Clerk and also the books and accounts of the Treasurer and certify that they are correct. I find the amount in the Treasurer's hands at this date to be \$832.98.

H. O. SCOTT, Auditor.

Colrain, Feb. 24, 1899.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

R. C. HILLMAN, TOWN CLERK,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF COLRAIN, FOR THE YEAR, 1898

Dr.

To cash from 2 licenses for female dogs, \$5.00,	\$ 10 00
cash from 62 licenses for male dogs, \$2.00,	124 00
	\$134 00

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By cash paid Eugene A. Newcomb, County Treasurer,	\$121 20
clerk's fees, 64 licenses at 20 cents,	12 80
	\$134 00

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 1898.

Births,	40
Deaths,	23
Marriages,	15

R. C. HILLMAN, Town Clerk.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS :

In presenting this our annual report for your consideration we congratulate all that the indebtedness of the town at the commencement of the financial year other than the permanent loan of (\$12,000) twelve thousand dollars has been paid, all bills presented for payment have been met, and the condition of the public thoroughfares greatly improved. The year has been a fairly prosperous one for our people, and diligent labor in all departments of business has received its reward.

The record of the town in the Spanish war is in keeping with her past history for true patriotism. The following is a list of those who have a settlement in this town and served in the war of 1898 with regiment and company: Henry E. Ariel, Company L, 2d Regiment M. V. M., rank, artificer; Henry M. Stewart, Company L, 2d Regiment M. V. M., rank, wagoner; Charles A Smead, Company L, 2d Regiment M. V. M., private; also Henry A. Watson, Company L, 2d Regiment M. V. M., private, who has no settlement but enlisted from this town. The above named men are proud that they served with the gallant "Second Massachusetts regiment" at Santiago de Cuba, though wounded in action or stricken with disease. Two more of our sons are still in the United States service, one in the far away Philippines, Henry L. Porter, private in Company F., 1st Regiment Washington Volunteer Infantry, and Joseph W. Cole, private in Company K, 1st Regiment Rhode Island Infantry. We desire to place upon record the above enlistments and service, that it may be an incentive to our patriotic citizens to have a record in town of the enlistments and service of

the (198) one hundred and ninety-eight men who served on land and sea to the credit of this town during the war for the Union from 1861 to 1865.

The State through its Highway Commission has answered our urgent entreaties by giving us a layout of state road $1\frac{1}{3}$ miles in length and allotting us the sum of (\$5,470 $\frac{7}{10}$) five thousand four hundred seventy and seventy-six-one-hundredths dollars for the construction of the same. Your officers took the contract for building the same, believing it good policy to employ our own people in our town even to a little extra expense

The work of construction was of necessity commenced late in the season, but excellent progress was made and a few weeks the coming season will finish the present layout.

We have petitioned the Honorable Board of State Highway Commissioners for an allotment of the \$100,000 unexpended and have been granted a hearing to present our claims, which we attended February 9 at Boston. What the result will be time will tell.

We invite your attention to the construction account of the state road. As overseers of the poor we were obliged to exceed the appropriation, in consequence of having to pay many bills for "outside poor," or those having a legal settlement in this town and aided by other towns and cities in the Commonwealth. A short section of road has been laid by this board and accepted by the town, and the same has been built near the home of Mr. E. E. Cowing at an expense of \$25.00. The new road at Shattuckville has been completed and the contract price remaining due of \$50 has been paid to the contractors. The hill on the main road near the home of Henry J. Smith has been reduced to a less grade by raising the iron bridge and cutting and filling at an expense of \$188.67, of which \$111.85 was contributed in labor by citizens of the town, who felt keenly the necessity for the change in the grade of the hill. Guide boards have been put in proper places that the wayfaring man though a stranger, may be guided on his course. We have been your servants, and the general improved appearance of the town as expressed by those who are residents, as well as the

numerous visitors, is due to the sentiments of our people as shown by the generous appropriation. We would recommend the following appropriations for the year 1899 :

Highways and Bridges,	\$2,500 00
Support of Poor,	1,500 00
Incidentals,	200 00
Town Officers,	750 00
State Aid,	600 00
Military Aid,	450 00
Town Debt,	1,000 00
Interest,	500 00
State Tax,	360 00
County Tax,	1,500 00
Schools,	3,500 00
Memorial Day,	50 00
Indigent Soldiers and Families,	100 00
Enforcing the Liquor Law,	100 00

AMOUNTS EXPENDED FOR HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

We respectfully submit the following financial statement :

Harry Ball,	\$ 2 00
Herbert Peters, for painting iron bridges,	45 00
F. B. Stone, for plank,	8 64
A. A. Smith,	20 00
C. A. Smith,	20 00
E. R. Cobb,	9 75
Henry Hayden,	2 55
Meritt Scott,	1 50
A. A. Smith,	7 95
H. Newell & Co., for tile,	41 85
Ed Pleasant,	4 50
Henry Larock,	2 55
Joseph Bell,	1 95
Joseph Noyes,	1 00

George Rabedeau,	\$ 1 05
Godfred Schestiller,	2 85
Fremont Purrington,	3 75
Walter Lapierre,	1 05
George H. Phillips,	10 80
Fred Morgan,	2 10
O. H. Taylor,	11 10
J. W. Burrington,	3 75
Harry Gilderdale,	90
Carrol Vincent,	3 75
F. S. Upton,	2 10
James H. Carr,	60
Anthony Heran,	3 00
F. M. Thompson,	1 50
J. W. Burrington,	3 75
Frank Brown,	2 25
Charles Wolf from, paint for bridges,	15 25
M. B. Crosier,	4 35
Frank A. Dunnell,	10 82
George O. Dunnell,	5 17
C. E. Davenport,	8 48
Henry W. Hatch,	1 05
Charles Harris,	3 00
Levi O. Davenport,	4 50
Arthur L. Fish,	13 50
Frank W. Jeffords,	2 40
Albert Herzig,	9 20
M. A. Thompson,	13 50
D. B. Meacham,	22 95
Edgar Kendrick,	9 67
C. Simonds,	2 70
John E. Bowen,	11 10
Henry C. Crunack,	11 55
Stone & Clark, plank,	13 65
Esias Auzier,	24 90
E. B. Smith,	6 75

Joseph Herzig,	\$ 8 25
I. N. Joy,	8 10
Charles F. White,	23 54
R. Herzig,	7 10
Charles W. Maxam,	7 05
Merryfield Bros.,	21 15
Merryfield Bros., (old bill),	2 25
C. Lapierre,	4 90
Lawrence D. Harris,	2 70
M. S. Harris,	9 42
James Looman,	3 75
J. F. McClellan,	22 80
J. W. Carpenter,	20 85
J. P. Sturtevant,	7 65
Avery Bros.,	16 87
Charles Roberts,	17 75
Harris & Miner,	3 45
F. D. Thompson,	9 60
D. H. Brown,	3 00
Eli J. Burrington,	7 53
John T. Gilchrist,	5 48
George Patterson,	8 25
O. E. Vincent,	2 95
G. D. Stetson,	20 85
C. D. Miner,	2 25
N. F. Shippee,	17 59
E. S. Alexander,	22 25
Frank Dunnell,	6 00
Michael Looman,	3 75
L. B. Moore,	4 50
Charles W. Hillman,	14 70
D. M. Pierce,	2 00
W. H. Donelson,	31 60
A. O. Nelson,	11 15
L. W. Fairbanks,	6 90
Horace Kemp,	17 25

Chester W. Smith,	\$ 17 42
S. Wood,	1 20
Coombs Bros.,	26 35
L. L. Brigham,	6 10
O. R. Fairbanks,	10 12
C. M. Fairbanks,	40 25
Joseph Lively,	12 00
Frank Galipault,	6 75
E. T. Cutting,	4 50
T. R. Miller,	23 55
Daniel Cary,	2 48
J. M. Shearer,	4 03
H. O. Scott,	20 68
O. D. Kemp,	7 50
E. R. Cobb,	6 46
Harold D. Bowen,	11 40
Arthur L. Fish, (old bill,)	2 40
H. F. Purrington,	12 00
Frank Walden,	15 74
George McClellan,	2 93
Francis Duprey,	1 05
Frank L. Purrington,	4 50
R. W. Stacy & Son,	9 90
C. Finck,	19 50
W. H. Bardwell,	72 20
J. B. Cromack,	10 05
C. Webster Smith,	4 50
A. L. Johnson,	5 25
C. B. Dennison,	25 35
A. P. Nelson's estate,	5 70
E. W. Clark,	16 95
R. C. Porter,	3 00
Alvah Eldridge,	2 25
Ames Stewart,	24 90
D. W. Nelson & Son,	28 02
F. E. Cromack,	10 50

E. M. Johnson,	\$ 3 00
William Stewart,	12 48
H. B. Miller,	12 45
F. Fairbank,	3 37
George H. Nelson,	12 75
W. G. Rickett,	10 05
R. E. Martin,	4 50
L. B. Stewart,	2 25
F. L. Kendrick, labor and lumber,	37 07
Moses Balille,	1 50
Jona E. Davenport,	12 30
W. H. Kemp,	3 00
Daniel Cary,	5 25
Harland Purrington,	2 10
Jose Cone,	4 15
R. M. Coombs,	4 50
Herbert R. Donelson,	5 85
J. M. Shearer,	18 86
Wayne Hillman.	11 40
H. J. Smith,	20 09
H. S. Browning,	26 75
M. M. Johnson,	17 80
F. W. Conant,	29 47
W. J. Davenport,	3 45
Charles Call,	2 25
Samuel Stone,	38
Joel L. Clark,	2 55
Irving Call,	3 90
Orson Call,	1 35
William Martin,	6 50
Charles Beaudry,	8 35
O. M. Brown,	7 05
Elias Bardwell.	6 45
G. A. Thompson,	9 00
Smith & Hillman,	35
George R. Purrington,	2 10

J. A. Dwight,	\$11 00
Harry Gilderdale,	3 00
John E. Davenport,	2 70
J. B. Clark,	32 55
O. M. Brown,	15 45
James Galvin,	9 75
C. L. Donelson,	11 40
E. F. Copeland,	27 11
A. O. Davenport,	5 85
T. D. Williams,	24 75
Charles W. Smith,	12 55
M. O. Nichols,	2 25
C. A. Rugg,	5 55
William Sessler,	2 30
A. W. Hinsdale,	3 00
George W. Cary,	5 55
George L. Pierce,	4 05
George E. Matterson,	6 90
Will Apt,	12 00
W. W. Darling,	1 80
Thompson Bros.,	14 03
Chas. Lusty,	1 35
J. N. Miner,	28 50
E. A. Hodge,	5 48
H. A. Howard,	9 00
H. W. Thompson,	15 45
R. C. Hilman, treasurer, for bridge irons,	19 90
A. A. Smith, snowing Lyon bridge and repairs of iron bridges,	5 30
H. A. Howard, for tile at Newell & Co., paid for state road account,	19 10
F. M. Thompson,	2 55
	\$1,915 48

SNOW WORK.

Thomas O'Brien,	\$ 7 55
Thomas Smead,	2 40
Levi O. Davenport,	3 52
Walter Kelley,	5 50
S. B. Johnson,	18 60
James Carr,	9 38
Nelson Lamoreaux,	75
E. B. Cobb,	5 40
Geo. H. Phillips,	90
James Carr,	60
F. M. Thompson,	30
Frank W. Jeffords,	80
Horace Kemp,	1 00
Amos Stewart,	4 95
A. O. Nelson,	4 50
William Stewart,	2 40
M. M. Johnson,	6 50
J. B. Clark,	6 70
James Galvin,	2 20
E. F. Copeland,	4 50
Will Apt,	1 50
F. E. Cromack,	75
Eli Stem,	1 05
	\$91 75

EXTRA WORK ON HIGHWAYS.

For completing new road at Shattuckville,	\$50 00
For new road near E. E. Cowing's	25 00
	\$75 00

GRADING HILL NEAR H. J. SMITH'S.

Appropriation,		\$50 00
D. D. Hillman,	\$12 75	
H. Kirk Smith, surveying,	2 00	
Thomas Storm,	3 75	
Henry Larock,	13 50	
F. Galipault,	2 25	
A. A. Smith,	20 00	
J. P. Sturtevant,	4 00	
Thomas Looman,	50	
Phillip Herzig,	67	
F. W. Purrington,	3 30	
H. M. Peterson,	1 60	
H. J. Smith,	12 50	
	\$76 82	

Total expense of highways and bridges,	\$2,159 05
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INCIDENTALS.

Walden & Crawley, printing reports,	\$ 32 00
Walden & Crawley, stationery,	12 00
Walden & Crawley, stationery,	2 25
H. B. Miller, insurance on town hall,	10 50
J. F. Temple, printing,	3 00
A. A. Smith, expense to Boston before Highway Com- mission and looking after poor,	10 00
E. E. Cowing, repairs road scraper,	2 00
Walden & Crawley, printing.	3 00
John D. Gilchrist, cleaning town hall,	75
E. E. Hall & Co., stationery for assessors and collector,	6 38
Jona E. Davenport, express paid,	35
W. H. Kemp, express paid,	35
Jona E. Davenport, record book of assessors,	1 25
W. L. Kendrick, highway damage,	15 00
Smith & Hillman, stationery and stamps,	3 75

R. C. Hillman, clerk and treasurer, express and stationery,	\$ 13 00
R. C. Hillman, treasurer, paid C. M. Wilson for return of births,	75
F. J. Canedy, return of births,	1 75
R. C. Hillman, treasurer, officer's fees in criminal cases,	9 72
J. B. Clark, repairs on hearse,	1 00
J. W. Cram, return of births and postage,	5 75
H. A. Howard, expense to Boston before Highway Commission,	7 51
A. A. Smith, expense to Boston before Highway Commission,	5 00
A. A. Smith, express and freight paid,	1 40
H. A. Howard, wood for town hall,	2 25
A. H. Temple, tax bills and express,	2 75
Pat Lamoreaux, sawing wood for town hall,	75
	\$154 21

SUPPORT OF POOR.

J. W. Cram, M. D., medical attendance and medicine to Mrs. A. A. Madden,	\$ 10 50
R. C. Hillman, treasurer, town of Leyden for Philip L. Whitney,	231 52
James T. Connell, support of Lucinda S. Warren,	63 25
Mrs. Cusson, for care of Mrs. Balille,	5 15
Mrs. Pelcher, for washing for Mrs. Balille,	7 00
R. C. Hillman, treasurer, Rachel Jeffords and Elizebeth Young at Northampton Lunatic Asylum,	83 58
O. M. Brown, for board and care of W. E. and E. F. Southworth;	90 00
R. C. Hillman, treasurer, board of Rachel Jeffords and Elizabeth Young at Northampton Lunatic Asylum	84 50
J. W. Cram, M.D., Levi Matthews (state),	35 00
H. O. Scott, for supplies to Levi Matthews (state),	9 99

H. O. Scott, for supplies to Mrs. Levi Mathews and family (state)	\$ 16 64
City Treasurer, Cambridge, for Mrs. A. W. Miner,	34 90
Town of Greenfield, for Charles McCloud and family,	35 79
Esther A. Steele, for board and care of Lucinda Warren,	65 00
O. M. Brown, for board and care of W. E. and F. Southworth,	183 00
R. C. Hillman, treasurer, for Rachel Jefford's and Elizabeth Young at Northampton Lunatic Asylum,	86 42
Charles Wolfrom, for supplies for Oscar Call,	53 10
Charles Wolfrom, for care and supplies for Mrs. Balille,	17 00
J. W. Cram, medical attendance upon Mrs. Balille,	35 00
Charles Wolfrom, for supplies for Oscar Call,	27 90
R. C. Hillman, treasurer, for Rachel Jeffords and Elizabeth Young at Northampton Lunatic Asylum,	85 42
R. C. Hillman, treasurer, for children of Montreville Woodard,	51 21
O. M. Brown, for keeping tramp,	1 00
O. M. Brown, for supplies for Southworths,	6 20
Smith & Hillman, for supplies and medicine for Southworths,	6 70
J. W. Cram, M. D., medical attendance to Southworths,	\$ 7 50
J. W. Cram, M. D., vaccinations,	14 00
	21 50
O. M. Brown, for board and care of Southworths,	92 00
C. J. Russell, for keeping tramp,	1 00
	\$1,440 27

AMOUNTS EXPENDED FOR STATE AID.

R. C. Hillman, treasurer,	\$42 00
R. C. Hillman, treasurer,	38 00
R. C. Hillman, treasurer,	38 00
R. C. Hillman, treasurer,	40 00
R. C. Hillman, treasurer,	40 00

R. C. Hillman, treasurer,	\$ 48 00
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R. C. Hillman, treasurer,	48 00
R. C. Hillman, treasurer,	40 00
R. C. Hillman, treasurer,	44 00
R. C. Hillman, treasurer,	48 00
	\$522 00

MILITARY AID.

R. C. Hillman, treasurer,	\$12 00
R. C. Hillman, treasurer,	24 00
	\$36 00

TOWN OFFICERS.

H. S. Meacham, 1897, bill inspector,	\$ 32 40
George E. Matterson, sexton,	2 00
John E. Bowen, election officer,	2 00
W. H. Donelson, registrar,	6 00
H. O. Scott, auditor for 1897-8,	9 00
F. W. Purrington, sexton,	22 00
F. W. Purrington, election officer,	2 00
C. Webster Smith, inspector,	36 00
George H. Carpenter, registrar,	10 00
W. G. Rickett, inspector,	10 00
H. M. Peterson, assessor,	37 50
Jona E. Davenport, assessor,	42 50
Jona E. Davenport, election officer,	2 00
W. H. Kemp, election officer,	2 00
W. H. Kemp, assessor,	37 50
Frank Bennett, constable,	4 00
M. M. Johnson, sexton,	4 00
Herbert R. Donelson, sexton,	4 00
Elias Bardwell, registrar,	2 00
R. C. Hillman, clerk and treasurer,	88 85

J. B. Clark, hearsemen,	\$ 26 00
J. B. Clark, returning deaths,	4 00
J. W. Cram, M. D., secretary of board of health,	10 00
John C. Thompson, constable,	6 00
George W. Cary, school committee,	25 00
C. L. Donelson, school committee,	18 00
H. W. Thompson, selectman and overseer of poor,	50 00
H. A. Howard, selectman and overseer of poor,	50 00
A. A. Smith, selectman and overseer of poor, including services as clerk of the board,	90 00
W. T. Francis, school committee,	22 00
A. H. Temple, collector of taxes,	120 00
	\$776 75

GUIDE BOARDS.

G. H. Fisk, for posts,	\$ 3 64
G. N. Kelley, for painting boards,	13 50
F. W. Purrington, for boards,	3 20
H. A. Howard, for labor,	3 00
A. A. Smith, for labor,	1 50
	\$24 84

FOR MARKING HISTORICAL PLACES AND DEDICATING
THE SAME.

H. A. Smith, for four monument stones,	\$50 00
J. F. Temple, printing,	4 50
Kate S. Francis, president W. R. C., for meals fur- nished invited guests,	5 70
S. F. & Colrain Street Railway Co., freight on monu- ments,	3 50
	\$63 70
Memorial Day,	\$50 00

COUNTY TAX.

E. A. Newcomb, county treasurer,	\$1,473 21
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STATE TAX.

State tax,	\$360 00
Free public library,	\$ 100 00
Mrs. Katherine H. Cram, librarian,	25 00
Superintendent of schools,	360 00
Schools,	4,515 40

TOWN DEBT

R. C. Hillman, treasurer, for town debt,	\$1,500 00
R. C. Hillman, treasurer, for town debt,	1,000 00
R. C. Hillman, treasurer, for temporary loan,	4,000 00
	\$6,500 00

INTEREST

R. G. Hillman, treasurer, interest on temporary loan of \$4,000,	\$ 70 00
R. C. Hillman, treasurer, interest on debt of \$1,500,	17 21
R. C. Hillman, treasurer, interest on permanent loan of \$11,000,	440 00
R. C. Hillman, treasurer, interest on temporary loan,	58 33
	\$585 54

STATE ROAD ACCOUNT.

COST OF PLANT.

To cash paid for crusher and bins,	\$125 00
To cash paid for extras and repairs on same,	93 05
To cash paid for electric motor,	350 00
To cash paid for freight on same,	11 31
To cash paid for belting,	19 18
To cash paid for sprinkler,	50 00
To cash paid for labor and supplies,	3,544 44
Total amount expended,	\$4,192 98

RECEIPTS.

By cash on loan from State,	\$2,000 00	
By cash for labor and material from State,	389 24	
By cash for labor and material from State,	1,153 69	
By cash for labor and material from State,	930 94	
Total receipts,	\$4,473 87	
Balance in hands of Town Treasurer,		\$280 89

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO TOWN IN
CONSTRUCTING STATE HIGHWAY.

Crusher, elevator, bins and motor house.
 1 electric motor and attachments including belting.
 1 road sprinkler.
 6 wheelbarrows.
 3 mattocks.
 11 picks.
 4 steel pins.
 21 short shovels.
 3 long shovels.
 2 scoop shovels.
 4 hoes.
 2 iron rakes.
 1 steel scraper.
 1 stone boat.
 2 monkey wrenches.
 1 pipe wrench.
 4 water pails.
 2 axes,
 2 nail and 1 riveting hammer.
 1 striking hammer.
 1 broom.
 2 steel bars.
 1 hand gravel screen.
 1 cylinder screen.
 7 lanterns.

3 oil cans.
 1 fifteen foot level.
 Quantity of dynamite, explosives and fuse.
 50 feet $\frac{3}{4}$ inch rope.
 2,000 brick.
 4 notice boards.
 16 feet 5 inch tile.
 2 dumping boards.
 4 tons coal.

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Due from the State on account of State aid paid,	\$522 00
Due from the State on account of military aid paid,	24 00
Due from the State on account of freight paid on catch basins,	5 06
Due from S. F. & C. Railway Co. as per bill rendered,	36 97
Due from James A. Galvin for old road scraper,	5 00
Due from State on account of State pauper,	11 00
	\$604 03

INVENTORY OF TOOLS AND SUPPLIES ETC., ON HAND BELONGING TO TOWN OF COLRAIN.

2 plates and bolts for road machine.
 Taps and dies in charge of W. S. Allard.
 1 bridge wrench at C. N. Carpenter's.
 1 bridge wrench, 5 drills, spoon and tamping iron at A. A. Smith's.
 2 hearses at J. B. Clark's.
 1 road machine.
 1 seal.
 1 book case.
 2 safes.
 1 derrick.
 1 cable chain.
 168 feet drain tile.

2 thimble skeins for scraper in care of C. A. Marcy.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cord wood at town hall.

RECAPITULATION.

Amounts Appropriated.		Amounts Expended.
\$ 2,600 00	Highways and bridges,	\$2,159 05
1,000 00	Support of poor,	1,440 27
300 00	Incidentals,	154 21
600 00	State and military aid,	558 00
700 00	Town officers,	776 75
1,200 00	County tax,	1,473 21
420 00	State tax,	360 00
100 00	Free public library,	100 00
25 00	Librarian,	25 00
4,100 00	Schools including superintendent's salary,	4,875 40
50 00	Memorial day,	50 00
100 00	Enforcing liquor law	
100 00	Indigent soldiers and families,	
1,500 00	Town indebtedness,	2,500 00
500 00	Interest,	585 54
100 00	Making historical places and dedicating the same,	63 70
50 00	Guide boards,	24 84
5,000 00	Temporary loans,	4,000 00
\$18,445 00		\$19,145 97

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. THOMPSON, { Selectmen of
 H. A. HOWARD, { Colrain
 A. A. SMITH, { 1898-9.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have this day examined the books of the Selectmen and certify that they are correct.

H. O. SCOTT, Auditor.

Colrain, Feb. 23, 1899.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

The year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight has been one of pretty general good health to the people of Colrain. The ratio of deaths to the entire population being less than the average. There has been no epidemic of any contagious disease, and but few isolated cases, which have caused no serious trouble to control.

During the year the school committee decided to enforce the vaccination law, as far as it applies to children attending the public schools. Some of the parents were not well pleased therewith, and for the information of parents and guardians on the subject we think best to quote the law relating thereto.

Public Statutes, Chapter 47, Sec. 9 :

The school committee shall not allow a child who has not been duly vaccinated to be admitted to or connected with the public schools.

Acts of 1894, 515, S. 1 :

Parents and guardians shall cause their children and wards to be duly vaccinated before they attain the age of two years, except as provided in section two of this act. For every year's neglect the party offending shall forfeit the sum of five dollars.

Acts of 1894, 515, S. 2 :

All children who shall present a certificate signed by a regular practising physician that they are unfit subjects for vaccination shall not be subject to the provisions of Section 9 of Chapter 47 of the Public Statutes excluding unvaccinated children from the public schools, and all children upon such a certificate shall be exempted from the provisions of this Act, and the parents and guardians of such children shall not be liable to the penalties imposed by Section 1 of this Act.

Acts of 1894, 355 :

All vaccine institutions in the Commonwealth shall be under the supervision of the State Board of Health.

We also think it advisable to call attention to the Acts of 1897, Chapter 344 : An Act relative to the adulteration of food, which contains an article relating to the manufacture and sale of maple syrup.

H. W. THOMPSON,	} Board of Health.
H. A. HOWARD,	
A. A. SMITH,	
J. W. CRAM, Sec'y,	

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
TO THE
TOWN OF COLRAIN
FOR THE
YEAR 1898-9.

1899:
WALDEN & CRAWLEY, BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS,
North Adams, Mass.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1898-99.

SPRING TERM.—Begins Monday, April 10 ; ends Friday, June 23, eleven weeks.

FALL TERM.—Begins Tuesday, September 5 ; ends Friday, November 24, twelve weeks.

WINTER TERM.—Begins Monday, December 4 ; ends Friday, February 9, ten weeks.

HOLIDAYS.—Patriot's Day, Memorial Day, Christmas Day.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

GEORGE W. CARY, Chairman.

CHARLES L. DONELSON, Secretary,

WILLIAM T. FRANCIS,

CHARLES P. HALL, Superintendent.

TRUANT OFFICERS.

JOHN C. THOMPSON,

C. WEBSTER SMITH

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In accordance with the usual custom we herewith submit our annual school report for 1898-9. We feel confident that, on the whole, the schools have been fully up to the average. It is a source of regret, however, that there have been some failures due mainly to lack of discipline which we believe, in some degree, might have been avoided, had the parents co-operated more heartily with the teacher in securing this, instead of censuring the teacher for what they fail to maintain in their own homes.

It is our aim to raise the standard of our schools by employing only such teachers as have ability and an aptitude for this line of work. We believe good teachers are necessary for good schools and to the successful teachers should be given due credit.

It was deemed best to reopen the South school, and circumstances, over which we had no control, compelled us to open a school at the residence of Mr. O'Brine on Catamount Hill for the accommodation of eight pupils, at an expense of \$7.50 per week, or a total of \$78.50 for the town, including expenses of fitting up room, etc.

We have had the Shattuckville and Elm Grove school houses painted; at the latter the sanitary conditions have been greatly improved.

Whenever we have seen it possible we have economized and take pleasure in presenting our report with as good a balance on hand as we have.

We believe it would be a matter of economy and suggest that two more be repainted during the coming season. Aside from this no very extensive repairs will be needed.

We would recommend the following appropriations:

For schools,	\$3,840 00
For superintendent of schools,	260 00

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF COLRAIN:

I have the pleasure to present hereby my sixth report as Superintendent of Schools.

If we compare the work done in our schools this year with that of last year we shall find not much that is new, but put alongside with that done eight and ten years ago the contrast is very marked. A person who has not visited within the past ten years a school with modern methods would be surprised and instructed by the changes he would find today. I will not presume to say that all the changes are for the better, but no person of intelligence would wish the schools of the old days to return with all their good things.

It is sincerely to be regretted that so few people, parents and others, can tell the real difference between the school of today and that of two or three decades ago. And only those who know about a thing are in position to criticise it either favorably or otherwise. Hence we hail with pleasure the movement on foot, and making good progress in some sections of the country, to bring into closer relation the HOME AND SCHOOL. In many places women's clubs and "mothers' meetings" have been organized, whose thought and purpose is the strengthening of all good influences about the home.

In doing this they have given large consideration to the school. They are giving time to the study of methods of teaching, knowledge of school law, right care of neglected and delinquent children, and making the public school the social center of the community. Here mothers from different ranks of society may meet with a common interest in the children, who surpass each other only on the ground of real merit. Here teacher, pupil and patron may join

hands in a united effort not alone for higher scholarship, but for better living and a larger appreciation of the useful and beautiful in the world.

When parents and citizens become more familiar with the work done in the schools, better acquainted with the teachers and other surroundings of their children then, and teachers know more of the environment of children in their homes, a more harmonious training will result. The work of the school and the home must mutually help each other. Habit is formed in the same way whether in washing the face or learning the multiplication table; the child may be trained to obedience as well at the dinner table as in learning to write at school; thorough work is just as necessary in sweeping a carpet or cleaning a sidewalk as in analyzing a sentence; the child must give attention if he is learning to plant corn or to calculate the cost of planting it.

The more we recognize that the training of the child should be along the same lines in the home and in the school, the greater interest will be shown in the schools and the less criticism of the teacher in her work. For when a parent appreciates that his child is receiving the same training in discipline and scholarship that his neighbor's children are, and that the training tends to more ready obedience and helpfulness at home, he is ready to cordially support the teacher in giving this training to his own children as well as those of his neighbor.

READING. We have continued and broadened the work in reading and literature which we have been doing the past few years. In the lower grades reading receives more attention than any other subject; by this I mean not the ability to call words, essential as it is to good reading, but the power to get the thought expressed, which is the real life of reading. Too many pupils in upper grades are hampered in work in arithmetic and other studies because they cannot read to get the meaning of what is stated.

Hence the child from the very first is given sentences which tell him something and in which he may tell something to others. He is aided in this by real objects and pictures many of them from

the great masters. In short, the child is led to make use of the things he knows and can do to help him to things he must learn.

Every pupil reads several books in each grade, many of which are literary wholes or made up of selections from the best English classics. In many of our schools the teacher reads to her pupils two or three times a week from some well selected book. This awakens interest and the pupils are inspired to read works of similar character themselves. Some teachers place a list of desirable books upon the board, and by a little talk about them awaken a desire among the children to become acquainted with them. The libraries are a great help in aiding the teachers and schools in stimulating this desire for better reading by furnishing freely such books themselves to be read in the school and in the home.

The practice of having the children commit to memory choice extracts and selections from the best authors has given great satisfaction to us all and is helping greatly to develop an acquaintance with and love for good literature. A list of some of these gems learned is given at the close of this report, and also a list of the reading matter used in the schools.

Although we have no special teacher in drawing and nature study, yet some of the regular teachers have shown so much interest in them that very satisfactory work has been done in their schools.

Mr. Sargent, state supervisor of drawing, visited our schools last month, giving lessons to the children and a talk to the teachers. His coming is always helpful and inspiring to us all. Several of the teachers have been furnishing pictures, reproductions of the great artists, for study and beautifying the walls of the school rooms.

It has been very gratifying to notice how large a number of the the children enjoy a study of these great pictures in the effort to get the real thought of the artist. His brush has left in "The Angelus" a simple story which the children never tire of reading. So too, in the faces of Washington and Lincoln, Whittier and Longfellow they discover high ideals of love of country, love of home, love of humanity. These are happy days for children in school, and they ought to be happy days for all citizens, for the elements of

training that the children get today are to develop into the manhood and womanhood of the future, and be felt in the family, the community and the nation.

In arithmetic more has been done to give practical training in real problems of active life, transactions involving the use of money, actual measurements, making bills and other business forms. This adds zest and variety to the drill which necessarily claims large attention.

The work in language has been given a more practical and personal value by larger work in using it. Letter writing, not only to imaginary friends, but to real children in other towns and states, has been one way in which the children have told real stories of some book read, a holiday enjoyed, or facts learned from history or geography; and imaginary stories from the study of a picture, or the expanding of a gem of poetry, like the story of "Jack and Jill." We only learn to use language well by using it. And the child is not likely to say much unless he has something to say. Hence we mistake in asking him to write of things about which he knows nothing.

Vertical writing proved so successful in the lower grades, that at the opening of the spring term we put it into the grammar schools at the request of the children themselves, and the results have been equally satisfactory.

Near the close of the spring term we had a "Parents' Day," in which parents and others received special invitations from the children, written in their "best vertical hand," to visit them and see the regular work of the school, as well as work done throughout the year. The response to the invitations was very pleasing to the pupils and teachers. Visits upon other days would be equally pleasing and profitable to all.

TEACHERS. Dr. Sheldon of Oswego, that great teacher of teachers, once said: "I would mark a teacher upon a scale of six. Three points should go for the qualities which make up manhood, two points for his ability to teach, and one point for his scholarship."

This seems a peculiar statement, and yet when we look back over our lives and note the teachers who did most to fit us for real living, were they not those to whom Dr. Sheldon would give "three points?" The teacher who lives her own beautiful, earnest life with her pupils, controlling their thoughts through her own fine personality, reaching them by quiet example, by personal appeal, by song or story of the best in literature and in life, takes high rank with them today, and abides as a sweet influence in their memory. A large number of our teachers the past year would stand well under Dr. Sheldon's rating.

We have been especially unfortunate this year in having a large number of changes in our corps of teachers. In only four of the schools have the same teachers been retained through the year. Two were called away to better positions, several resigned on account of sickness, three were transferred to other schools in town, and other changes were made for different reasons. In a few cases unwarranted criticism of a teacher and her work was made by those who really knew nothing of it, and this worked serious injury to the school. It is very difficult for a teacher to secure good results in a school in the face of opposition and criticism from pupils and parents. There are three elements in the make up of a school, teacher, pupils and parents, and the highest good is only reached when each element contributes its part to the general welfare.

A family with several children moved into the neighborhood of the South school, which made it necessary to open that school in the fall, and it has been continued through the winter. There is one family on Catamount hill whose children were transported to Shattuckville school in the fall. At the opening of winter another family with four children of school age moved there, and it was impossible to get the children transported during the winter. Hence we were obliged to provide a school for them there, and the school was carried on in a room of Mr. O'Brien's house, which he kindly offered for that purpose. The conditions there are very unfortunate and it is to be hoped that some different arrangement can be made before the spring term.

An evening school has been held at Griswoldville during the winter three evenings a week. While this has been in some sense a private affair, yet since it was taught by the public school teachers, was under the oversight of the superintendent of schools and held in the school room, it seems proper to mention it in this report. It opened with an attendance of 25, nearly all adult young men and women desirous of making the most of an opportunity of adding to their scanty store of knowledge. On account of sickness a few dropped out but 16 were regular in attendance to the end. The subjects pursued were writing, reading, arithmetic and spelling with some instruction in letter writing. The progress made was very creditable to the pupils and gratifying to those having it in charge. It was carried on at no expense to the town, but I think that another year the town ought to encourage such a school by assuming part of the expense.

The attendance this year has not been nearly so good as last year. In several of the schools it is too poor for the credit of anybody, parents, pupils, teachers or town. I wish I did not have to print the figures or know the facts in such a record as that made in the Foundry Grammar, Foundry Primary, and Four Corners school.

I wish to call attention to the new laws in regard to attendance, past last winter and published with this report.

The houses at Shattuckville and Elm Grove were painted and minor repairs made in several others. The houses at the Foundry and Griswoldville need painting outside and inside, while the one at Wilson Hill will need some repairs.

Much of the success of the year is due to the hearty support of committee and teachers. I wish to express my appreciation of them.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES P. HALL, Superintendent.

Shelburne Falls, Feb. 15, 1899.

TRUANT OFFICERS' REPORTS.

MR. C. P. HALL, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS :

I herby submit the following report as Truant Officer of Colrain for the year 1898-99 :

Number of cases investigated,	14
Number of truants,	4
Number kept out by parents,	10

All except one returned to school.

C. WEBSTER SMITH, Truant Officer.

Shattuckville, Feb. 2, 1899.

MR. C. P. HALL, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS :

I hereby submit my report for the year 1898-99 :

Number of cases investigated,	20
Number kept out by parents,	20

All were returned to school.

Yours truly,

JOHN C. THOMPSON, Truant Officer.

Colrain, Feb. 2, 1899.

SUPPLIES ISSUED FOR YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY, 1899.

Adamsville,	\$27 86
Bardwell,	20 30
Brick,	18 83
Center,	45 87
Christian Hill,	32 78
Catamount,	2 62
Elm Grove,	17 90
Foundry Grammar,	54 81
Foundry Primary,	14 58
Four Corners,	18 99
Griswoldville Grammar,	13 25
Griswoldville Primary,	10 27
Shattuckville,	24 80
South,	24 25
Wilson Hill,	15 62
	\$342 73

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RESOURCES.

Town appropriation including superintendent's salary,	\$4,100 00
Received from Mass. school fund,	459 24
state rebate on acct. of supt.	260 00
dog fund,	89 87
state for tuition of state wards,	70 15
Shelburne for tuition,	24 00
	\$5,003 26

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for teachers' salaries,	\$3,088 75	
transportation,	438 00	
superintendent's salary,	360 00	
supplies,	307 83	
repairs,	147 87	
fuel,	133 69	
cleaning and care of schoolrooms,	91 20	
tuition,	81 00	
board of O'Brien boy while attending school in Greenfield,	42 00	
O'Brien schoolroom,	15 00	
postage, freight, express, etc.,	13 72	
supply agent, C. P. Hall,	4 10	
C. P. Hall's expenses to Greenfield to secure teachers,	56	
		4,723 72

TRUANT OFFICERS.

Paid John C. Thompson,	\$7 00	
C. Webster Smith,	5 00	
		12 00
Total,		\$4,735 72
Balance on hand,		267 54
		\$5,003 26

GEORGE W. CARY,	} School Committee.
WILLIAM T. FRANCIS,	
CHAS. L. DONELSON,	

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

COLRAIN, Feb. 18, 1899.

I have this day examined the accounts of the school committee and find them correct.

H. O. SCOTT, Auditor.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following pupils have not been absent, tardy, or dismissed during the number of terms mentioned :

TWO TERMS.

Alice Allard,	Earl Kemp,
Eva Copeland,	Edward Lincoln,
Mabel McCloud,	Guy Miner,
Lelia Smead,	Ira Miner,
Albro Apt,	Leo Miner,
Leon Carpenter,	Roy Smead,
Elvin Johnson,	George Thompson.

ONE TERM.

Flora Cromack,	Mildred Wood,
Lenna Cusson,	Byron Brown,
Edna Davenport,	Wilfred Carpenter,
Emma Johnson,	Harvey Copeland,
Julia LaPierre,	Alonzo Crosier,
Vitoline LaPierre,	Robin Crosier,
Estella LaPlant,	Wallace Grover,
Rosie Luscher,	Dannie Herzig,
Carrie McGee,	Deane Hillman,
Dora Miller,	Lincoln Kean,
Ida Norton,	William Kelley,
Mary O'Brien,	Irvin Lincoln,
Ruth Purrington,	Rudolph Luscher,
Mary LaPierre,	Louis Martin,
Malah Russell,	Roy Martin,
Louise Sessler,	Walter Martin,
Mary Sessler,	Roy Nichols,
Mildred Temple,	Charley O'Brien,
Mabel Vincent,	Abbott Stetson,
Katie Wilbur,	Lincoln Terry.

EXTRACTS FROM SCHOOL LAWS OF 1898.

CHAPTER 494.

SECTION I. No child under fourteen years of age shall be employed in any factory, workshop or mercantile establishment. No such child shall be employed in any work performed for wages or other compensation, to whomsoever payable, during the hours when the public schools of the town or city in which he resides are in session, nor be employed at any work before the hour of six o'clock in the morning or after the hour of seven o'clock in the evening.

CHAPTER 496.

SECTION I. Every town and city shall maintain for at least thirty-two weeks in the year a sufficient number of schools for the instruction of all the children who may legally attend a public school therein. * * * *

SECT. II. No child who has not been duly vaccinated shall be admitted to a public school except upon presentation of a certificate signed by a regular practising physician that such child is an unfit subject for vaccination. No child who is a member of a household in which a person is sick with smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever or measles, or of a household exposed to contagion from a household as aforesaid, shall attend any public school during such sickness or until the teacher of the school has been furnished with a certificate from the board of health of the town or city, or from the attending physician of such sick person, stating in a case of smallpox, diphtheria or scarlet fever, that a period of at least two weeks, and in a case of measles a period of at least three days, has elapsed since the recovery, removal or death of such person, and that danger of the conveying of such disease by such child is passed.

SECT. 12. Every child between seven and fourteen years of age shall attend some public day school in the town or city in which he resides *during the entire time the public day schools are in session*, subject to such exceptions as to children, places of attendance and schools as are provided for in sections three, seven, ten and eleven of this act: *provided*, that the superintendent of schools or, where there is no superintendent of schools, the school committee, or teachers acting under authority of said superintendent of schools or school committee, may excuse cases of necessary absence; and *provided, further*, that the attendance of a child upon a public day school shall not be required if such child has attended for a like period of time a private day school approved by the school committee of such town or city in accordance with section two of chapter four hundred and ninety-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-four, or if such child has been otherwise instructed for a like period of time in the branches of learning required by law to be taught in the public schools, or has already acquired the branches of learning required by law to be taught in the public schools, or if his physical or mental condition is such as to render such attendance inexpedient or impracticable. Every person having under his control a child as described in this section shall cause such child to attend school as required by this section.

SECT. 24. Every habitual truant, that is, every child between seven and fourteen years of age who wilfully and habitually absents himself from school contrary to the provisions of section twelve of this act, upon complaint by a truant officer, and conviction thereof, may be committed, if a boy, to a county truant school for a period not exceeding two years, and if a girl, to the state industrial school for girls, unless such child is placed on probation as provided in section twenty-eight of this act.

SECT. 26. Every habitual school offender, that is, every child under fourteen years of age who persistently violates the reasonable regulations of the school which he attends, or otherwise persistently misbehaves therein, so as to render himself a fit subject for exclusion therefrom, upon complaint by a truant officer, and conviction thereof, may be committed, if a boy, at the discretion of the court, to a county

truant school for a period not exceeding two years, or to the Lyman school for boys, and, if a girl, to the state industrial school for girls, unless such child is placed on probation as provided in section twenty-eight of this act.

SECT 31. Any person having under his control a child between seven and fourteen years of age who fails for *five day sessions or ten half day sessions within any period of six months* while under such control, to cause such child to attend school as required by section twelve of this act, the physical or mental condition of such child not being such as to render his attendance at school harmful or impracticable, upon complaint by a truant officer, and conviction thereof, shall forfeit and pay a fine of not more than twenty dollars. Any person who induces or attempts to induce any child to absent himself unlawfully from school, or employs or harbors while school is in session any child absent unlawfully from school, shall forfeit and pay a fine of not more than fifty dollars.

SELECTIONS MEMORIZED.

The following are a part of the selections memorized in our schools, some of them in all the schools, others in part of them :

September	H. H.
October's Bright Blue Weather,	H. H.
Christmas Carol,	Lowell
The Frost,	Gould
Waiting to Grow,	Selected
The Corn Song,	Whittier
The Barefoot Boy,	Whittier
Barbara Frietchie,	Whittier
The Brook,	Tennyson
The Bells,	Tennyson
Sweet and Sour,	Tennyson
Bugle Song	Tennyson
The Children's Hour,	Longfellow
The Arrow and the Song,	Longfellow
Village Blacksmith,	Longfellow
The Fringed Gentian,	Bryant
The Pilgrim Fathers,	Pierpont
The Gentian,	Brown
Thanksgiving,	Whittier
Pine Needles,	Selected
Goldenrod,	Lovejoy
October's Party,	From Song Stories
November,	Alice Cary
Gettysburg Address,	Lincoln

LIST OF BOOKS FOR READING AND LITERATURE USED IN OUR SCHOOLS.

Harpers' Readers,	Fables and Folk's Stories,
Franklin Readers,	Hans Anderson's Stories,
Cyr's Readers,	Æsop's Fables,
* Normal Readers,	Stories For Children
Stepping Stories for Situation,	Sharp Eyes,
Stickney's Readers,	Birds and Bees,
Hawthorne's Stories,	Miles Standish,
The Wonder Book,	Snow Bound,
Stories of N. E. History,	Evangeline,
Eggleston's Primary History.	

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

Received from Treasurer	\$100 00
Received from Fines,	2 71
Received from Catalogues,	1 10
	\$103 81

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid H. S. Swan for bookcase,	\$8 00
Books, 96 Volumes,	74 46
Shelf Irons,	70
Postage and Express,	1 11
Freight,	1 30
Cash on hand,	18 24
	\$103 81

No. vols. in library Feb. 12th, 1898,	733
No. vols. added by purchase,	96
No. vols. added by contribution,	450
Total Feb. 22, 1899,	1279
No. of vols. borrowed from Jan. 1 1896 to Jan. 1 1897,	133
“ “ “ 1897 “ 1898,	823
“ “ “ 1898 “ 1899,	1746

In making our annual report we would feel that it was incomplete without acknowledging the very generous gift from the Springfield city library of 325 volumes, also 104 volumes presented by the Cong. S. S. of Colrain.

The phenomenal growth of the circulation of our library which now stands as one of the leaders for its size in the state, is due to

the faithful work of the librarian. Heretofore she has received \$25.00 for rent of library and has given her services. The added cares owing to increased circulation take up much of her time. We therefore recommend that she receive an additional \$25.00 for salary, and that the sum of (\$50) fifty dollars be appropriated for the purchase of books.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. CARY,	}	Library Trustees.
W. T. FRANCIS,		
CHAS. L. DONELSON,		

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

COLRAIN, Feb. 23, 1899.

I have this day examined the accounts of the librarian and library trustees and find them correct.

I find cash on hand \$18.24. No. volumes in library 1279.

H. O. SCOTT, Auditor.



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TREASURER'S REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE TOWN OF COLRAIN
FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 22, 1900.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand February 24, 1899, \$832 98

TREASURER OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Corporation tax,	312 18
Education of children under charge of Board of Lunacy and Charity,	133 50
Superintendent of schools,	260 00
Inspector of animals,	29 12
National bank tax,	183 39
State Aid, Chap. 301 Acts of 1894,	484 00
State Aid, Chap. 561 Acts of 1898,	32 00
Military Aid, Chap. 561 Acts of 1898,	6 00
Support of state paupers,	9 00
Burial of state paupers,	14 00
Income of Mass. school fund,	394 38
State highway loan fund,	2,522 21
G. G. Merrill, gravel on acct. of state road,	5 80
Electric Light Co., on acct. of state road,	12 00
Temporary loans,	2,000 00
C. J. Russell, innholder's license,	1 00
C. J. Russell, liquor license,	250 00
F. L. Davenport, on acct. Levi Davenport legacy,	39 60

District Court of Franklin, on acct. of fines,	\$10 00
County of Franklin, on acct. of dog fund,	45 26
Town of Shelburne, on acct. of tuition,	44 00
Frank Bennett, on acct. of Thomas Kompos,	5 15
H. F. Purrington, butcher's license,	1 00
P. Looman, butcher's license,	1 00
George McClallan, butcher's license,	1 00
James Galvin, on acct. scraper,	5 00
H. A. Howard, on acct. pulley blocks and tapeline,	3 91
Shelburne Falls & Colrain St. R. R. Co., raising highway,	36 97
A. H. Temple, collector of taxes, 1899,	11,982 43
	\$19,656 88

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Assessors' abatements of 1899,	\$ 52 79
Paid Selectmen's orders,	19,584 37
Cash on hand,	19 72
	\$19,656 88

TOWN'S INDEBTEDNESS.

Nine notes, of \$1,000, due annually Jan. 1,	\$9,000 00
One note of \$1,500, due Aug. 12, 1900,	1,500 00
	\$10,500 00

R. C. HILLMAN, Treasurer.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

R. C. HILLMAN, TOWN CLERK,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF COLRAIN FOR THE YEAR 1899.

DR.

To Cash from 81 licenses for male dogs,	\$162 00
Cash from 6 licenses for female dogs,	30 00
	\$192 00

CR.

By cash to E. A. Newcomb, County Treasurer,	\$174 60
Clerk's fees, 87 licenses at 20 cents,	17 40
	\$192 00

R. C. HILLMAN, Town Clerk.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have this day finished my examination of the books of the Town Clerk and Treasurer and certify that they are correct. The balance in the Treasurer's hands at closing is \$19.72.

H. O. SCOTT, Auditor.

Colrain, Feb. 22, 1900.

COLRAIN, Feb. 22, 1900.

I have this day examined the books and accounts of the Tax Collector for 1899 and find no balance due the Town from him.

H. O. SCOTT, Auditor.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Fellow Citizens:

Another year has passed and we take pleasure in presenting for your consideration an account of the condition of the town financially and otherwise. "The poor ye have with you always" and it should be a satisfaction for all to know that the State authorities compliment this town as to their treatment. Your Board has succeeded in transferring from the town to the state the expense of maintaining Mrs. Elizabeth Young at the Northampton Lunatic Asylum, thereby saving to the town the sum of one hundred and sixty-nine dollars per year. We are maintaining but one inmate at the asylum now, viz.: Mrs. Rachel Jeffords. Mrs. Lucinda Warren and Mrs. Kate Chaster have died during the year, the last named being a great care and large expense during her last sickness. We have had less calls for aid for "outside" poor than usual and but little temporary aid has been granted to people in town, and we are glad that we can report a balance of your appropriation for the poor unexpended.

The highways and bridges in town—though numerous and expensive—have been maintained in good condition with some extra work unexpected at the time of the last annual meeting, particularly the west abutment of the city bridge, which had to be extensively repaired and riprapped at an expense of nearly one hundred and fifty dollars. There has been more than the usual amount of railing made, and yet there is much in this line that should be done. The iron bridges on the line of the electric railway used by the

public in common with the railway, have been painted at an expense to the town of sixty-one and seventy-four hundredth dollars. The old wooden bridge known as the "Wilson bridge," near the home of Mr. H. W. Thompson has been replaced with a steel one, and the abutments rebuilt at an expense of \$307.30. But this is not all. Acting under the expressed sentiments of the voters at the last annual meeting we have paid for snow work the sum of \$172.91. The present season but little snow has fallen, but instead we are confronted with the fact that a flood has visited us, and we have not escaped the usual effects, viz.: Two bridges have been swept from their moorings and the abutments which were built of logs were well nigh ready to fall of their own weight and will have to be replaced with new ones of some kind. The construction of the remainder of the layout of state highway was accomplished under the supervision of Mr. H. A. Howard, a member of this board, and has been accepted by the state. And we invite your careful consideration of the construction account. It has cost the town a good deal to get this state highway, yet the money is largely left in our midst and it is a satisfaction to know that we have the best piece of state highway in the county. Let us have more. We have not expended the appropriation of \$25 for repairing the town hall, inasmuch as we considered it inexpedient to make the specific repairs until the cause of the damage was removed, and would recommend that the owners of the building place snow guards upon the roof to prevent the snow from sliding off, thereby causing the damage to the walls. This board was intrusted with the matter of providing fire proof vaults for the public records and report to this meeting. We have attended to that duty and would report that the commissioner of public records pronounces our safe sufficient so long as its capacity is sufficient to hold the records.

Under the appropriation made for marking the graves of Revolutionary soldiers buried in town, your board deemed it wise to have the list verified with the records at the State

House before expending the necessary amount for the markers. We have now the list as revised and there appears to be thirty-two names.

The Legislature of Massachusetts at its session in 1899, passed an act, Chapter 258, which provides that towns shall adopt a town seal by vote of the town. As the time for adopting such a seal expires April 10, 1900, this Board has prepared a design for such a seal and submit it for your consideration.

We congratulate the citizens of the town on the general good order prevailing within its limits, and with few exceptions the laws have been respected and obeyed. This historic town is our home; let us all strive so far as we are able to make it both pleasant and attractive.

We respectfully submit the following financial statement:

AMOUNTS EXPENDED ON HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

F. B. Stone, plank,	\$ 24 27
A. A. Smith, railing,	30 00
Geo. W. Fairbanks, plank,	30 63
Levi O. Davenport,	11 47
Pat Lamoreaux,	5 85
J. D. Gilchrist,	17 78
A. A. Smith,	29 00
G. G. Merrill, extra work,	111 68
E. R. Cobb,	16 86
C. A. Rugg,	12 00
Joseph Dixon Crucible Co., paint,	57 50
Greenfield & Colrain St. Railway Co., freight on paint,	91
J. W. Burrington,	7 50
G. Schistler,	3 00
Geo. H. Phillips,	2 25
Fred Morgan,	1 50

O. H. Taylor,	\$ 4 87
F. B. Stone, plank,	65 46
O. R. Fairbanks,	7 00
F. S. Upton,	2 25
John E. Bowen,	5 55
Geo. D. Stetson,	17 40
Harold D. Bowen,	12 15
J. L. Clark,	4 87
Frank W. Jeffords,	1 50
Joseph Lively,	2 32
Albert Herzig,	6 90
M. B. Crosier,	12 22
Rudolph Herzig,	5 10
Eli Stone,	4 32
Eli Stone, on Wilson bridge,	27 00
Geo. W. Warner, railing,	48 62
Charles Harris,	1 80
Charles Maxam,	5 21
M. O. Nichols,	21 00
C. W. Hillman,	12 90
Mrs. Jennie Clement,	3 45
A. L. Fish,	4 80
H. B. Gilderdale,	6 00
E. Galipault,	4 95
Avery Bros.,	23 85
C. Lapierre,	2 00
E. B. Smith,	7 65
A. O. Davenport,	3 90
I. N. Joy,	8 75
Frank Walden, labor, \$10.30	
railing, 6.84	17 20
Merrifield Bros., labor, \$22.05	
railing, 16.40	38 45
C. H. Vincent,	3 90
E. B. Stewart,	2 85

Lyman Fairbanks, labor, \$7.33	
railing, .60	\$ 7 93
Roberts Bros.,	8 90
Will Bridges,	3 00
Chas. Beaudry,	8 15
Samuel Stone,	13 20
C. E. Davenport,	9 80
Milo A. Thompson,	9 75
E. B. Stewart,	3 00
E. C. Harris, labor, \$.75	
plank, 6.27	7 02
J. W. Carpenter,	11 25
J. M. Shearer,	37 47
Amos J. Cary,	2 25
R. E. Martin,	4 50
D. B. Meacham,	13 50
Daniel Cary,	3 00
O. M. Brown, labor on city bridge, \$40.00	
labor on highway, 8.70	48 70
W. J. Davenport,	2 50
Fred Marias,	3 75
O. B. Kendrick,	1 28
E. W. Clark,	24 50
M. S. Harris,	19 50
James H. Carr,	6 62
E. S. Alexander,	7 20
C. D. Miner,	6 00
H. M. Peterson,	11 18
Horace Kemp,	12 60
R. C. Porter,	2 40
J. P. Sturtevant,	4 20
Geo. Dunnell,	23 75
C. F. White,	16 00
D. H. Brown,	2 75
Orson Call,	4 15
Frank Fairbanks	10 50

F. L. Kendrick, lumber,	\$27.84	
railing,	9.00	\$38 84
Wm. Martin,		9 50
Coombs Bros., lumber,		24 62
Geo. E. McClellan,		3 75
C. M. Fairbanks, labor,	\$20.70	
railing,	23.90	44 60
E. T. Cutting,		12 00
O. R. Fairbanks,		3 30
O. D. Kemp,		3 15
R. E. Martin,		4 65
Geo. H. Nelson,		12 00
Byron Call,		4 50
N. F. Shippee,		19 65
H. F. Purrington,		43 95
E. F. Copeland,		9 50
W. H. Bardwell, labor,	\$31.50	
plank,	1.64	
railing,	3.00	36 14
F. E. Cromack, labor,	\$4.95	
plank,	1.00	5 95
G. H. Fisk, plank,		5 35
John E. Davenport,		2 10
R. W. Stacy & Son,		8 85
J. A. Dwight,		15 05
Wayne Hillman,		9 45
Louis E. Dunton, labor,	\$7.50	
railing,	2.68	10 18
J. F. McClellan, labor,	\$46.50	
railing,	3.80	50 30
E. R. Cobb,		1 20
C. B. Dennison,		11 10
Thomas Smead,		5 90
F. M. Thompson,		20 02
N. H. Purrington,		9 23
George L. Pierce,		4 50

G. A. Thompson, labor on Wilson bridge, \$ 6.70	
labor on highways, 14.25	
crossing land, 3.00	\$23 95
J. L. Clark, labor on Wilson bridge,	10 00
Jona. E. Davenport,	6 15
Coombs Bros.,	3 00
Berlin Iron Bridge Co.,	230 00
E. H. Underwood,	97
D. M. Pierce,	2 70
J. D. Gilchrist,	3 53
Robert Coombs, labor, \$6.75	
crossing land, 5.00	11 75
Eugene Atherton,	4 50
Geo. R. Purrington,	10 81
Walter Kemp,	12 75
M. M. Jonhson,	4 57
Thompson Bros.,	19 95
Joel Cone,	7 00
Wayne Hillman,	6 75
T. D. Williams, labor, \$20.15	
railing, 3.50	23 65
Frank A. Dunnell,	14 35
Geo. E. Matterson,	6 75
G. W. Warner, for E. S. Warner,	23 40
Elias Bardwell, labor, \$9.45	
lumber, 2.95	12 40
Edgar Kendrick,	3 78
W. H. Donelson,	15 15
F. L. Purrington,	5 25
C. B. Dennison,	75
W. W. Darling,	2 78
H. B. Miller, labor on highways, \$4.95	
labor on city bridge, 5.40	10 35
S. B. Johnson,	2 00
Joseph Noyes,	2 85
J. A. Galvin,	11 70
Geo. Patterson,	2 25
Eli J. Burrington,	2 00
H. R. Donelson,	8 10
F. M. Avery,	1 05
Mrs. Mary A. Nelson,	6 00

John N. Miner,	\$27 00
Ames Stewart,	20 85
A. O. Nelson,	8 10
D. W. Nelson,	3 86
A. W. Hinsdale,	2 00
Frank D. Thompson,	1 50
Fred Rail,	6 90
Jas. Looman,	3 60
H. O. Scott,	3 00
M. B. Crosier,	50
A. A. Smith,	7 50
Frank D. Thompson,	1 50
Wm. Sessler,	9 15
E. S. Alexander,	3 00
Sam. Wood, labor on Wilson bridge,	60
J. E. Shearer,	6 00
John Shearer,	3 00
Chas. W. Smith,	14 05
J. B. Clark,	75
Chester W. Smith, labor, \$17.00	
railway, 2.00	19 00
Jas. Galvin,	4 20
Louis Cheviler,	1 50
E. Auger,	1 50
Horace Browning,	16 85
H. W. Thompson, labor on highway, \$ 8.00	
labor on Wilson bridge, 30.00	38 00
H. W. Thompson,	1 50
H. A. Howard,	17 60
H. A. Howard, Supt., for sand from State road	
acct. \$17.50	
H. A. Howard, Supt., cement for Wilson bridge, 1.50	19 00
H. A. Howard,	1 00
One-half expense painting iron bridges, bal.,	3 32
Louis Cheviler,	45
Geo. O. Dunnell,	07
Total expense,	\$2,295 81

AMOUNTS PAID FOR SNOW WORK.

Walter Kelley,	\$ 3 30
Levi O. Davenport,	2 25
I. N. Joy,	3 15
W. G. Rickett,	8 10
D. F. Robbins,	3 75
H. B. Gilderdale,	7 95
E. R. Cobb,	4 80
O. R. Fairbanks,	75
J. E. Bowen,	1 50
Geo. D. Stetson,	2 70
Harold D. Bowen,	3 30
Frank W. Jeffords,	2 70
Albert Herzig,	6 00
Rudolph Herzig,	3 70
Arthur L. Fish,	2 70
H. B. Gilderdale,	75
Avery Bros.,	1 95
Merrifield Bros.,	9 00
Lyman Fairbanks,	3 50
Roberts Bros.,	6 00
Frank L. Shearer,	2 85
J. W. Carpenter,	3 60
J. M. Shearer,	3 00
D. B. Meacham,	3 30
E. W. Clark,	2 50
James H. Carr,	3 30
Wm. Martin,	2 50
Coombs Bros.,	3 75
E. F. Copeland,	5 75
F. E. Cromack,	5 00
J. A. Dwight,	5 10
Wayne Hillman,	5 91
C. B. Dennison,	5 80
H. C. Cromack,	2 00
Geo. E. Matterson,	2 00

Elias Bardwell,	\$ 1 95
N. F. Shippee,	4 35
W. H. Donelson,	6 00
J. A. Galvin,	10 50
H. R. Donelson,	1 35
James Looman,	1 35
Chester W. Smith,	4 20
H. S. Browning,	6 15
H. A. Howard,	2 85
	\$172 91

INCIDENTALS.

Walden & Crawley, printing town reports,	\$37 50
A. A. Smith, expenses to Shirley and Boston,	13 00
C. A. Marcy, stove and telegraphing,	11 72
J. A. Curtis, painting hearse,	10 00
J. F. Temple, stationery,	5 00
H. A. Smith, stamps,	2 00
Walden & Crawley, printing dog licenses,	2 00
Walden & Crawley, printing bill heads,	2 00
A. A. Smith, license blanks,	20
Wm. M. Smuel, officer's fees,	3 61
Carter Ink Co., State ink,	2 20
F. J. Canedy, M. D., returning births,	1 50
E. A. Hall & Co., stationery and printing for As- sessors,	6 09
G. N. Kelley, repairing ballot box,	2 00
W. S. Allan, repairs,	3 30
J. W. Cram, M. D., returning births,	4 00
Walter Kemp, express on Assessors' book,	40
J. B. Clark, return of deaths,	4 25
F. W. Conant, printing ballots,	2 75
R. C. Hillman, recording births, deaths and marri- ages,	19 05

Smith & Hillman, stamps, ink, stationery and express,	\$14 56
H. W. Thompson, express,	35
W. H. Ward, officer's fees,	3 30
A. H. Temple, tax bills,	2 40
	\$153 18

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Perry F. Crafts, casket and box for Mrs. Lucinda Warren,	~ \$20 00
H. S. Swan, casket and box for Thomas Kompbush (State),	~ 14 00
J. W. Cram, M. D., professional services Thos. Kompbush (State),	~ 5 00
Town of Greenfield, aid for Chas. McCloud's family,	~ 26 72
Town of Greenfield, aid for George McCoud's family,	~ 21 69
O. M. Brown, board and care of W. E. F. Southworth,	~ 90 00
Esther Steele, board and care of Mrs. Lucinda Warren,	~ 68 75
Lewis T. Babbitt, Treasurer, Lunatic Asylum for board and care of Rachael Jeffords and Elizabeth Young,	83 58
Town of Littleton, for burial of Geo. E. McCoud's wife,	~ 17 50
Chas. L. Upton, M. D., medical services for Mrs. Warren,	~ 8 00
Chas. Wolfrom, goods delivered to Oscar Call,	~ 36 00
Lewis F. Babbitt, Treasurer N. L. A., for board and care of Rachael Jeffords and Elizabeth Young,	84 50
Chas. Wolfrom, good delivered to Oscar Call,	~ 48 00

Abbie D. Tanner, for board and care of Kate Chaster,	\$ 15 00	✓
Pat Lamoreaux, for preparing Thos. Kompbush for burial (State),	2 00	✓
A. A. Smith, expenses looking after poor,	27 10	✓
O. M. Brown, board and care of W. E. and F. Southworth,	184 00	✓
Sophia H. Coombs, board and care of Kate Chaster,	25 00	✓
Sophia H. Coombs, board and care of Kate Chaster,	20 00	✓
Lewis F. Babbitt, Treasurer N. L. A., for board and care of Rachael F. Jeffords,	42 71	
Lewis F. Babbitt, Treasurer N. L. A., for board and care of Elizabeth Young,	28 79	
O. B. Roberts, M. D., professional services for Kate Chaster,	6 00	✓
Sophia Coombs, board and care of Kate Chaster,	38 57	✓
Lyman Fairbanks, for laying out Thos. Kompbush, (State),	2 00	✓
A. J. Thomas, M. D., medical service for Kate Chaster,	28 00	✓
Lewis F. Babbitt, Treasurer N. L. A., for board and care of Rachel F. Jeffords,	42 71	
Smith & Hillman, supplies for Thos. Kompbush,	1 46	✓
J. W. Cram, M. D., professional services for F. Southworth,	\$ 3.25	✓
J. W. Cram, M. D., professional services for W. E. Southworth,	5.00	✓
J. W. Cram, M. D., professional services for Kate Chaster,	30.00	✓
D. G. Taylor, burial of Kate Chaster,	19 00	✓
Sophia Coombs, board and care of Kate Chaster, until burial,	52 50	✓
C. J. Russell, keeping tramp,	1 25	
Chas. Wolfrom, supplies to Oscar Call,	49 58	✓
Chas. Wolfrom, to Otis White on acct. of Kate Chaster,	2 03	✓

Geo. P. Warner, transporting Kate Chaster,	\$ 85 ✓
Smith & Hillman, clothing, etc., for W. E. and F. E. Southworth,	16 77
H. W. Thompson, expenses in caring for Kate Chaster,	7 50
	\$1,174 81

Amount paid as State Aid,	\$568 00
Amount paid as Military Aid,	156 00
	\$724 00

TOWN OFFICERS.

C. Webster Smith, inspector of animals,	\$ 8 25
W. G. Pickett, inspector of animals,	4 00
J. E. Bowen, ballot clerk,	2 00
C. Webster Smith, inspector of animals,	55 25
F. I. Shippee, constable,	2 00
J. D. Gilchrist, inspector of animals,	52 18
G. N. Kelley, ballot clerk,	2 00
F. W. Purrington, ballot clerk,	2 00
F. W. Purrington, sexton,	28 00
J. W. Cram, M. D., Sec'y Board of Health,	10 00
Jonathan E. Davenport, assessor,	40 00
Jonathan E. Davenport, election officer,	2 00
Walter Kemp, election officer,	2 00
Walter Kemp, assessor,	35 00
M. M. Johnson, sexton,	6 00
Frank A. Dunnell, assessor,	35 00
Elias Bardwell, register,	5 00
W. H. Donelson, register,	6 00
H. B. Miller, ballot clerk,	2 00
H. R. Donelson, sexton,	6 00
H. O. Scott, auditor,	13 00

J. B. Clark, hearseman,	\$ 48 75
C. Webster Smith, inspector of animals,	9 50
R. C. Hillman, treasurer,	\$50.00
register of voters,	10.00
messenger,	2.00
	62 00
J. C. Thompson, constable,	6 00
H. W. Thompson, selectman,	50 00
H. A. Howard, selectman,	52 50
A. A. Smith, selectman,	75 00
A. A. Smith, services as clerk of board,	50 00
W. T. Francis, school committee,	25 00
Geo. W. Cary, school committee,	16 75
C. L. Donelson, school committee,	17 00
A. H. Temple, tax collector,	120 18
	\$850 18

COUNTY TAX.

Paid E. A. Newcomb, county treasurer, county tax, \$1,473 21

STATE TAX.

Paid E. P. Shaw, state treasurer, state tax, \$360 00

PAID ON TOWN DEBT.

E. P. Shaw, state treasurer, on state road loan,	\$ 500 00
E. P. Shaw, state treasurer, on permanent loan,	1,000 00
E. S. Bradford, state treasurer, on loan,	2,000 00
	\$3,500 00

PAID INTEREST.

E. P. Shaw, state treasurer, interest on state road loan,	\$23 33
E. P. Shaw, state treasurer, interest on temporary loan,	65 00
E. P. Shaw, state treasurer, interest on permanent loan,	400 00
E. P. Shaw, state treasurer, interest on state road loan,	16 61
E. S. Bradford, state treasurer, interest on state road loan,	16 25
	\$521 19

TOWN BURIAL LOT.

Paid Jonathan E. Davenport,	\$25 00
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LIQUOR LICENSE.

Paid E. P. Shaw, state treasurer, one-fourth liquor license,	\$62 50
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MEMORIAL DAY.

Paid H. A. Howard, Q. M., G. A. R. Post No. 20, for Memorial Day,	\$50 00
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INVENTORY OF TOOLS, SUPPLIES, &c., BELONGING TO TOWN.

2 hearses at J. B. Clark's,
 1 road machine,
 1 seal of weights and measures,
 1 book case,
 2 safes,
 1 derrick,

PAID HIGHWAY DAMAGE.

N. C. Woodward,	\$23 49
Miss Anna Porter,	75 00
W. F. Hubbard,	5 00
	\$103 49

PAID OLD BILLS.

F. S. Upton, labor, 1897,	\$ 30
O. M. Brown, poor,	35
Gris. Manfg. Co., labor on highway,	37
Robert Coombs, services in Whitney case, 1897,	5 00
	\$6 02

SCHOOLS.

Schools,	\$4,579 95
Superintendent of Schools,	360 00

LIBRARY.

Free library,	\$25 00
Librarian,	25 00

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Due from State on acct. of State aid paid,	\$568 00
Due from State on acct. of military aid paid (one-half),	78 00
Due from State on acct. of inspector of animals,	60 46
Due from O. R. Fairbanks, over paid,	1 00
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	19 72
	\$727 18

REPORT ON STATE ROAD.

RECEIPTS.

Received from State, 1898,	\$4,473 87
Received from State, 1899,	2,528 06
G. G. Merrill, on acct. gravel,	5 80
Electric Lighting Co., on acct. use of motor,	12 00
Town of Colrain, on acct. highways,	19 00
H. A. Howard, on acct. supplies sold,	3 91
H. W. Thompson, on acct. supplies sold,	88
Griswoldville Mfg. Co., on acct. gravel,	6 18
	\$7,049 70
Amount of road completed in 1898, 1,700 feet.	
Expense of the same, labor and supplies,	\$3,614 26
Amount of road completed in 1899, 4,300 feet.	
Expense of the same, labor and supplies,	3,089 20
Cost of motor, motor house, crusher, belting, etc.,	648 50
	\$7,351 96

PAID FOR SUPPLIES, 1899.

H. A. Smith,	\$ 51 59
H. Newel & Co.,	52 68
Lamson Goodnow Mfg. Co.,	3 20
Massaemet Yarn Mills,	6 77
F. W. Purrington,	9 62
H. L. Gleason,	1 15
C. Wolfram,	20 38
Austin & Weston Co.,	20 87
Western Wheel Scraper Co.,	10 80
E. S. Temple, for gravel,	123 96
J. A. Richmond,	4 50
Griswoldville Mfg. Co.,	16 88
Chas. W. Smith,	50

Smith & Hillman,	\$ 6 10
W. S. Allard,	1 60
	\$ 330 55
Shelburne Falls & Colrain St. R. R., for power, 1899,	178 07
Labor, 1899,	2,580 58
	\$3,089 20

RECAPITULATION.

Total amount expended on state road,	\$7,351 96
Total amount receipts,	7,049 70
Amount expended above receipts,	\$ 302 26
Amount due State on note,	1,500 00
Total indebtedness on acct. state road,	\$1,802 26
Less plant and tools,	744 43
Balance against the town above resources,	\$1,057 83

INVENTORY OF STATE ROAD PLANT AND TOOLS.

Crusher bins, screen, belting, sprinkler, &c. complete,	\$298 50
Motor and attachments complete,	350 00
26 shovels,	6 50
1 scoop,	88
2 long shovels,	1 00
11 picks,	2 75
3 mattocks,	2 25
5 steel bars,	4 00
4 drills,	2 00
1 spoon,	50
2 striking hammers,	2 00
4 hoes,	1 00
1 steel rake,	25
2 axes,	1 00
1 nail hammer,	50

1 riveting hammer,	\$ 50
2 monkey wrenches,	1 25
5 water pails,	75
20 ft. 8 in. rubber belting	10 00
3 oil cans,	75
1 broom,	15
9 wheel barrows,	5 00
2 spreading boards,	1 00
1 steel scraper,	4 00
1 fifteen ft. level,	1 50
1 stone boat,	2 25
18 pieces 18 in. tile,	9 00
6 railing posts,	3 00
100 ft. guard rail,	1 80
1 bushel basket,	25
100 ft. spouting,	2 00
1 rotary screen,	25 00

\$744 43

RECAPITULATION.

Amounts Appropriated.		Amounts Expended.
\$ 2,300 00	Highways and bridges,	\$2,295 81
1,200 00	Support of poor,	1,174 81
200 00	Incidentals,	153 18
800 00	State and military aid,	724 00
750 00	Town officers,	850 18
1,500 00	County tax,	1,473 21
360 00	State tax,	360 00
500 00	Interest,	521 19
3,866 00	Schools, including superintendent's sal- ary, transportation and O'Brien,	4,939 95
25 00	Repairing town hall,	
25 00	Free public library,	25 00

\$ 25 00	Librarian,	\$ 25 00
50 00	Memorial day,	50 00
50 00	Enforcing liquor law,	
50 00	Indigent soldiers and families,	
25 00	Town burial lot,	25 00
2,000 00	Town indebtedness,	3,500 00
	Snow work,	172 91
	Highway damage,	103 49
	Old bills,	6 02
	Account of state highway,	3,124 17
	One-fourth liquor license,	62 50
\$13,226 00		\$19,586 42

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH W. THOMPSON, { Selectmen
HENRY A. HOWARD, { of
ARTHUR A. SMITH. { Colrain.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have this day examined the accounts of the selectmen and find the orders given by them to amount to \$19,586.42 for which they have the proper vouchers.

H. A. SCOTT, Auditor.

Colrain, Feb. 22, 1900.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

COMPLETE LIST OF TAXABLE PROPERTY MAY 1, 1899.

	Personal Estate.	Real Estate.
Avery, Brother	\$ 529	\$3,300
Allard, W. S.	200	1,430
Alexander, Maria	305	735
Auger, E.	60	500
Apt, Will	194	1,100
Ariel, H. E.	30	600
Atherton, E. J.	110	650
Aurnig, Joseph	30	
Brown, Frank L.	1,176	825
Bardwell, W. H.	579	1,925
Booth, E. P.	159	1,275
Bell, Mrs. J. A.	45	525
Brown, D. H.	45	530
Beaudry, Charles	363	1,600
Burrington, A. L.	118	850
Burrington, J. W.		800
Bowen, John E.	325	1,000
Browning, H. S.	551	1,975
Bardwell, Elias	226	1,800
Burrington, Eli J.		862
Bingham, C. L.	284	2,300
Baptist Society, First		1,000
Burrington, W. E.	40	790
Booth, Nancy J.		1050
Brigham, L. L.	288	1,350

Bell, Harry		\$ 500
Bell, Ida M.	\$ 85	
Bridges, Will		1,550
Bushey, Henry		540
Bullock, A. R.		725
Brown, O. M.	747	3,700
Bowen, Harrold D.	100	
Brigham, Mrs. Nellie T.		825
Crosier, M. B.	192	900
Coombs Brothers,	1,312	4,250
Cromack, H. C.	499	1,500
Carpenter, J. W.	538	1,800
Congregational Society,		1,000
Carr, James H.	90	335
Carpenter, C. L. Estate,		260
Cobb, Mrs. Sarah C.		400
Cobb, E. R.	309	20
Cary, George W.	644	1,750
Churchell, H. S.	30	
Call, Orson	179	875
Call, Mrs. John	239	750
Call, C. H.	20	
Call, Oscar E.		350
Clark, Joel L.	239	750
Cary, W. W.	880	3,875
Clark, J. B. & Son	466	1,685
Clark, John L.	566	2,000
Cary, Daniel	66	360
Cromack, J. B. & Son	1,083	3,225
Copeland, E. F.	1,215	2,700
Coombs, E. W.		1,000
Coombs, R. M.	859	3,400
Cone & Coombs,		800
Cone, Joel	400	1,060
Carpenter, George H.		800

Cutting, Edward T.	\$ 362	\$2,000
Carpenter, C. N.	50	1,700
Curtis, Sarah J.	300	1,500
Clark, Mrs. Fidelia		550
Curtis, John H.		450
Clark, E. W.	532	1,400
Cram, J. W.	150	2,600
Cromack, F. E.	476	1,180
Call, Byron L.	193	1,900
Cowing, E. E.	25	250
Chevilier, Louis	173	1,225
Collins, Matt.	50	180
Cary, Amos	25	
Crooks, C. M. Rev.	300	
Coleman, William	30	
Churchell, Geo. S.	50	
Carpenter, Geo. S.	500	
Davenport, S. G.		425
Davenport, John E.	337	950
Davenport, C. E.	481	2,600
Davenport, A. O.	448	1,225
Davenport, Jonathan E.	607	3,200
Davenport, Daniel Estate,		200
Davenport, Levi,	30	
Davenport, W. J.	191	750
Dunnell, F. A.	642	1,850
Dunnell, George O.	385	1,325
Dewey, H. W.		675
Dwight, J. A. & Son	494	1,850
Dewey, David T.	440	625
Deane, James C.	40	
Deane, Mrs. Clara W,	6,475	
Donelson, H. R.	528	2,750
Donelson, C. L.	961	3,450
Dennison, C. B. & Son	400	1,500

Danelson, W. H.	\$ 102	\$ 900
Dennison & Smith,	4,175	
Dunton, Louis E.	310	750
Darling, W. W.	192	2,400
Dexter, Hoyt		625
Eldridge, Alvah,	90	
Fairbanks, Frank S.	175	500
Fairbanks, C. M.	488	1,140
Fairbanks, L. W.	45	1,000
Field, Frank S.	120	
Fink, Christian,	158	1,080
Fairbanks, O. R.	311	925
Fish, Arthur	282	900
Fink, Fred		560
Galvin, Dennis & Son,	719	880
Griswold & Bowen,	533	2,220
Green, Erastus Estate,	329	2,875
Green, G. P.	200	250
Gilchrist, J. D.	50	
Griswold, Lorenzo	2,880	
Griswold, Joseph Heirs,		300
Galipault, Frank	182	800
Gebo Moses,	30	
Griswoldville M'f'g Co.	57,700	47,075
Hillman, C. W.	367	810
Hinsdale, Ariel W.	213	1,400
Hillman, Mina L.	1,000	
Hillman, Wayne	1,432	1,875
Harris, M. S.	738	2,500
Hatch, Henry W.		550
Howard, H. A.	732	3,025
Howard, H. M.		600
Hathaway, Geo. E.	65	375

Herzig, Joseph	\$ 105	\$ 250
Harris & Miner,	250	1,400
Herzig, Albert	138	475
Herzig, Rudolph	402	1,400
Harris, Charles		550
Harris, L. D.	85	
Jeffords, Geo. R.	187	800
Jeffords, Frank W.	90	
Johnson, M. M.	429	2,180
Johnson, S. B.	458	1,500
Joy, Mrs. H. R.	55	800
Joy, S. N.	138	900
Kemp, Horace	783	3,180
Kemp, O. D.	471	1,100
Kemp, W. H.	460	2,050
Kendrick, O. B.	179	1,660
Kendrick, F. L.	1,060	2,200
Kendrick, Edgar	122	1,040
Kelley, Walter	77	975
Lapierre, Cleophas	675	1,900
Loöman, Thomas		150
Looman, Michael	350	1,100
Looman, Patrick	100	410
Looman, James R.	186	900
Lively, Joseph	416	920
LeClair, Mrs. William	90	1,050
Lusty, David & Son	220	1,050
LaPlant, John	83	
La Plant, Henry	30	
Lamareaux, Nelson	30	625
Mattison, Geo. E.	147	950
MaGee, C. C.	175	
MaGee, Mrs. Emily C.		750

Moore, L. B. & Son,	\$ 269	\$1,325
Martin, R. E.	288	1,400
Meacham, H. S.	355	
McClellan, J. F.	628	3,200
Maxam, Geo. F.	107	1,050
McCloud, F. A.	147	875
Maxam, C. W. & Mather,	130	1,115
Merrifield Brothers,	1,227	2,100
MaGee, C. W.	197	850
Marcy, C. A.	2,175	4,065
Martin, William	206	1,200
Miner, C. D.	261	1,450
Morley, Miss Lizzie		370
Miller, H. B.	365	1,405
Miller, H. B. Estate,		295
Miller, Mrs. B. F.	186	1,600
Miner, J. N.	811	1,510
McClellan, Geo. E.	236	1,100
Meacham, D. B.	292	2,300
Methodist E. Society,		1,000
Miner, Mrs. J. C.	70	400
Miller, George	30	
Miller, Mrs. E. S.	90	2,200
Miller, Emery	30	
Massaemet Yarn Mills,	11,800	15,190
Nelson, A. O.	224	1,350
Noyes, Joseph D.	514	3,600
Nelson, J. D.		400
Nelson, D. W.	454	2,100
Nelson, A. P. Estate,	310	1,600
Nichols, M. O.	326	1,200
Nelson, Geo. H.	391	1,000
Obrien, Thomas	131	800
Purrington, Frank L.	255	1,280

Purrington, F. W.	\$ 955	\$4,350
Purrington, H. F.	740	2,100
Pierce, D. M.	222	1,350
Purrington, N. H.	301	1,450
Pierce, George L.	608	2,500
Pike, Mrs. Maria		350
Purrington, H. M.	25	
Peterson, H. M.	543	2,100
Patterson & Rugg,	666	1,475
Patterson, G. R.	113	800
Phillips, Geo. H.		625
Porter, R. C.	127	625
Parker, E. J.		860
Purinton, Geo. R.	650	2,750
Purrington, Fremont Estate,		450
Pratt, Warner E.	35	125
Pitt, Geo. W.	75	
Pelchee, Ephariam	50	
Purrinton, J. M.	25	
Roberts Brothers,	606	2,500
Read, Elwin J.		1,400
Russell, Mrs. G. A.		800
Reil, Fred	358	850
Rickett, W. G.	45	
Revoir, Peter	50	
Russell, C. J.	408	2,700
Rugg, Charles A.	75	
Russell, Mrs. Mary A.	1,000	
Smith & Hillman,	2,650	1,250
Smith, Charles W.	864	4,400
Smith, C. Webster	147	850
Smith, A. A.	698	3,175
Smith, H. J.	756	3,100
Smith, E. B.	257	1,625

Smith, Chester W.	\$ 655	\$4,125
Smith, E. C. & Son	170	1,200
Smith, A. C.	500	1,050
Shearer, T. C. Estate,		750
Snow, D. W.	25	50
Spurr, Mrs. Antis A.		1,395
Sessler, William	334	1,150
Stewart, William	220	1,400
Stewart, E. B.	333	2,700
Stewart, L. B.	159	300
Stewart, Amos	382	1,475
Shaw, Kate A.		500
Scott, H. A. Estate,		1,700
Scott, H. O.	2,842	1,500
Starkey, Fred A.	25	500
Stetson, George D. & Son	690	2,645
Simonds, Coridon	50	450
Stratton, L. W.	160	1,300
Stacy, R. W. & Son	290	1,150
Stacy, W. M.	69	350
Shippee, N. F.	214	975
Smead, Mrs. Susan	100	
Sturtevant, John P.	233	700
Stone, Eli	55	400
Stone, Samuel	195	1,400
Shearer, John M.	250	975
Stone, Moses	30	280
Smead, Thomas	663	2,450
Shelburne Falls & Colrain St. R. R. Co.,		800
Stowe, Eunice L.	25	
Stow, W. W.	112	
Shearer, J.	25	
Shearer, Millie E.	100	
Smith, W. W.	65	
Schechterlee, Fred	42	
Sargent, W. M.	50	

Thompson, Milo A. & Son,	\$ 660	\$2,200
Taylor, O. H.	127	825
Thomas, A. L.	600	585
Thompson, F. N.	365	640
Thompson, D. F.	280	1,200
Thompson, John C.	125	1,600
Thompson, H. W.	661	2,150
Thompson, G. A.	138	1,250
Temple, A. H. & Son,	80	1,310
Thompson Brothers,	613	2,600
Temple, S. E.	1,001	3,000
Thompson, Miss Jane		500
Thompson, John W.	25	
Terry, W. R. Rev.	70	
Underwood, Efford	30	
Vincent, C. H.		335
Vincent, Ida L.	40	
Vincent, O. E.	319	50
Vincent, Mrs. Relief M.		500
Wheeler, S. W.	966	2,850
White, Luke	70	475
White, Charles F. & Son,	729	2,000
Walden, Frank A.	201	1,000
Warren, Geo. W.	427	2,225
Williams, T. D.	383	1,500
Ware, Fred L.	60	
Wolfram, Charles	3,200	
Wood, S. E.	142	800
Weed, M. S.	95	
York, H. J.	112	
Yelld, Paul	25	200

NON-RESIDENT TAX PAYERS.

	Real.
Allen, S. & Sons	\$ 425
Anus, E. G.	200
Allen, Sylvanus	600
Barber, Mathew	1,300
Balou, Francis	50
Billings, Mrs. Abbie	500
Call, Arthur	720
Conant, Mrs. Sarah	950
Clapp, J. W.	800
Davenport, E. J.	150
Davenport, F. L.	150
Dunnell, David Estate,	50
Dennison, A. J.	50
Graves, A. D.	400
Gillett, R. W.	370
Hobart, E. D.	500
Handforth, Henry Estate,	650
Hancock, William	200
Johnson, Lewis Heirs,	700
Johnson, A. L.	500
Kinsman, W. E.	360
Kulyar, Nelson	900
Low, Ira A.	2,100
Legate, E. H.	100
Loomis, Austin D.	500
Long, S. M.	500
Leoch, Whitman	500
Lynder Brothers	50

Marcy, C. D. W.	\$1,000
Moulton, M. C. Heirs,	850
Newton, M. L.	100
Porter, Thomas	100
Purrington, M. S. & Son,	300
Powers, Elmer D.	2,500
Richmond, A. A. Estate,	350
Richmond, Lorenzo	350
Shearer, T. R.	1,700
Shearer, Mrs. H. S.	800
Smith, E. W.	500
Smith, L. T. or Clouchie	325
Smith, Zeri	1,600
Smead, Charles	75
Steel, Geo. H.	70
Tenny, Herman E.	200
Vanvaulkingburg, J. C.	100
Woodward, E. G.	150
Ware, E. B.	500
Worden, C. H.	375

LIST OF ABATEMENTS ON TAXES OF 1899.

W. E. Kinsman,	\$1 14
D. B. Meacham,	3 80
Arthur Fish,	9 50
Christian Fink,	2 85
Fred Fink,	2 85
Oscar E. Call,	6 65
James H. Donnelly,	2 00
E. Sprague,	2 00

Emory Wood,	\$2 00
Walter Cobuns,	2 00
Wozish Witch,	2 00
Charles Thompson,	2 00
M. Charley Pale,	2 00
John Flaherty,	2 00
Thomas St. Peter,	2 00
August Wolfrom,	2 00
Thomas Pleasant,	2 00
C. L. Purrington,	2 00
Wayne Starkey,	2 00

TABLE OF AGGREGATES.

No. male polls assessed,	454
Residents assessed on property,	318
Non-residents assessed on property,	49
Horses assessed,	433
Cows assessed,	864
Sheep assessed,	1142
Cattle, other than cows,	796
Swine,	167
Dwelling Houses,	339
Value of assessed personal estate,	\$169,861 00
Value of assessed real estate,	412,972 00
Total valuation of assessed estate,	\$582,833 00
Rate of total tax per \$1,000,	\$19 00
Total tax,	\$11,982 30

WALTER H. KEMP,	} Assessors.
JONATHAN E. DAVENPORT,	
FRANK A. DUNNELL,	

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH.

In making up our annual report it is gratifying to be able to say that the past year has been one of general good health to the inhabitants of this town.

There has been reported to the Board only eight cases of contagious diseases during the year: two cases of scarlet fever and six of diphtheria. All of these cases were mild, with the exception of one case of diphtheria, which was fatal.

HUGH W. THOMPSON,	}	Board of Health.
HENRY A. HOWARD,		
ARTHUR A. SMITH,		
J. W. CRAM, M. D., Sec'y.		

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF COLRAIN
FOR THE
Year 1899==1900.

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SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1900-1901.

Spring Term.—Begins Monday, April 9; ends Friday, June 22, eleven weeks.

Fall Term.—Begins Tuesday, September 4; ends Friday, November 23, twelve weeks.

Winter Term.—Begins Monday, December 3; ends Friday, February 8, ten weeks.

Holidays.—Patriot's Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Christmas Day.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

GEORGE W. CARY, Chairman.

CHARLES L. DONELSON, Secretary, WILLIAM T. FRANCIS,
CHARLES P. HALL, Superintendent.

TRUANT OFFICERS.

JOHN C. THOMPSON,

C. WEBSTER SMITH.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Fellow Citizens:

Another year has passed and we hereby submit our annual report for the school year of 1899-1900. We may say the schools for the most part have been quite satisfactory; some failures can always be recounted, the past year is no exception, but, in general it may be affirmed that a gain has been made in the effectiveness of the work done by the teachers in the various schools.

The Committee has endeavored to maintain as high a standard as possible in the selection of experienced teachers, but these are not readily obtainable at the salary paid. Teachers who come with excellent recommendations sometimes fail in our rural schools, simply from lack of discipline. In this particular the parents might render the teacher valuable assistance by impressing upon the minds of their children the fact, that they are sent to school to learn, not only what is included in the regular school curriculum but obedience as well.

Instead of this, we hear the teacher's shortcomings discussed in the presence of the children. What is the result? The child soon gets the mistaken idea that his knowledge is far superior to that of his teacher. These examples are by no means rare.

In some parts of the town there has been considerable opposition in regard to uniting smaller schools. To open and maintain the Miller and Spurr schools, means more inexperienced teachers and a liability to a larger percentage of failures.

Some people think that if pupils cannot be transported at a much less expense than that necessarily incurred in maintaining a school, it is no object. One must consider that such combination not only enables us to secure experienced teachers but the superintendent can devote more of his time to the school, and a livelier interest is manifested by the pupils when the classes are larger.

Aside from the ordinary repairs, we have this year repainted the Foundry and Griswoldville school houses. This coming year aside from the minor repairs, we shall need to repaint the Wilson Hill school house, and expect that the house at Griswoldville will need further repairing.

We would respectfully recommend the following appropriations:

For schools,	\$3,840 00
For superintendent,	260 00

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Committee of Colrain:

I hereby submit my seventh report as Superintendent of Schools.

In general the work of the past year has been along the same lines as that of recent years. In most of the schools the results have been very satisfactory, while in others we have not accomplished what we hoped for; in some cases through inefficiency of the teachers, in others through lack of interest and fault finding on the part of parents, and in others through irregularity of attendance. The best results have been reached this year, as they always are, where parents, pupils and teachers have been thoroughly interested in the schools and have worked harmoniously to bring them to a high standard.

Some people are satisfied that the old and tried in educational thought and method is "good enough for us." Others are enthusiastic over anything that is new or up-to-date. But real educational progress holds to the best of the past, tests the methods of today and combines both to meet the new experiences and requirements of the times.

READING. During the first year in school the work of the child is largely that of learning to read. Upon his success in this will depend in no small degree his success in other branches of study. Reading which gives a mastery of the thought expressed is the key that opens the way to the problem in arithmetic, the statement in science, or the reasoning in philosophy. The aim should be then in teaching reading, to put the pupil in possession of the thought. If so, there

should be a thought worth getting. Fortunately in the best readers of the day children of the lowest grades meet classic gems of prose and poetry which at once begin to shape their taste for things worth their reading. Here, too, the pencil and brush of the artist help him to cultivate his imagination and give him a love of the beautiful. Thus the pupil is trained to make the thought of the writer and the thought of the artist his own—he learns to read.

Miss Arnold, one of the Boston supervisors, says in discussing the question, "What shall we read?" "We must be able to read ordinary facts affecting our every day life. Such reading involves little growth. Second, we should read such books and papers as will serve to enlighten us of contemporary events. Such reading gives us knowledge of other peoples and places, widening our horizon. Third, the reading of the past leads us to the pages of history in which the best has been chronicled. The knowledge of the present can only be obtained through the interpretation of the past. And fourth, we must be able to read and interpret literature, a reading which requires a fuller power than any which has heretofore been described, and involves a higher type of teaching."

In our teaching of reading we have endeavored not only to train the pupil to master the first three groups mentioned above, but also to give him power to move in the realm of the fourth. The memorizing of complete selections or "gems" helps to give the pupil this love for the best in literature. If he does not fully appreciate its value or its beauty today, he becomes familiar with its wording, and this gives him a key to the treasure-house, which will be a "joy to him forever."

During the year either Prince's or Nichols's grade arithmetics, consisting of extra examples well selected and arranged, have been put into all the schools. They have proved very helpful to the teachers in relieving them of putting so much work on the boards; and to the pupils, because book-work is much easier for the eyes than board-work.

The work in drawing has been carried on with quite fair results, considering the fact that we have no regular drawing teacher and many of the teachers have had no special training. The children have been brought into touch with the beautiful in art through the Perry pictures, excellent reproductions of the masterpieces. The teachers have furnished them quite freely for the walls of their school rooms, and many of the children have purchased them for themselves. For a penny apiece there will come into the home of the child portraits of Raphael and his madonnas, Rosa Bonheur and her animals, Millet with his charming scenes of rural life, or the faces of Washington, Lincoln, Whittier and Longfellow with their suggestive lessons in patriotic American life. The children have used these as themes in composition and literature. The surroundings and training of the child largely determine the taste and character of the man. These influences are oftentimes insensible, but they bring the results just the same.

Special attention has been called to the significance of our holidays. The stories of Christmas and Thanksgiving have been rehearsed in poetry and in song, and this has helped the children to enter more fully into the spirit of their observance. And through the proper observance of Patriots' and Memorial Days they catch the spirit of patriotism until they can say with Webster. "Thank God! I also am an American."

TEACHERS. We have again been unfortunate in having a large number of changes in our teaching force. Various causes have brought these about, but the schools cannot show the results that can be shown where the teachers have continued through the year in the same school.

I quote the following terse putting of the qualifications of teachers from the report of a committee of the New England Association of School Superintendents. "The ideal teacher is both born and made—born sound in body, clear in intellect, quick in sympathies, vigorous in will; made sound in charac-

ter, broad and accurate in scholarship, neat in person, the possessor of professional knowledge, ideas and skill.

“School authorities should demand that those who would assume the teacher’s responsibilities in common schools shall possess such natural endowments as insure aptitude for the teacher’s calling, such attainments in scholarship as a four years’ course in the secondary school brings, and such professional training as the normal schools and the training schools offer.”

The above is well said, but it seems to me, the most essential and vital element in measuring a teacher’s success is the personal element, the teacher’s individual character. The true teacher finds highest satisfaction in the knowledge that through her devotion and patience the world has been enriched—some boy or girl has obtained a higher appreciation of clear scholarship and noble character which shall add to the wealth of the family, the community, the state. At the meeting of the American Institute of Instruction last summer this was the note most frequently struck in their able discussions.

I venture to quote once more, this time from the Inaugural of Governor Crane. “The importance of providing the schools with efficient teachers cannot be over-estimated. To ensure such teachers, two policies seem to be imperative—that of promoting the proper training of teachers for service on the one hand, and that of securing the proper selection of teachers with discreet support and guidance of them, on the other. For the execution of the former policy, we have our normal schools, for the execution of the latter, our superintendents of schools, working under the direction of school committees. The large increase in the attendance upon the normal schools attests the popular estimate of their high standards of admission and their enlarged facilities for effective work. The voluntary extension of expert supervision, so that 95 per cent. of the public schools are enjoying its benefits, is an endorsement of its worth. The practice of super-

vision by superintendents should, as soon as practicable, be made the permanent policy of the Commonwealth."

ATTENDANCE. While in a number of the schools the attendance has been better than last year, in others it has remained so poor that the number of days lost by absence and the time lost by tardiness call for further words of remonstrance and entreaty. Habit is an essential element of character, and the schools should give training in those habits in which a good character has its basis. The fixed hours for the school session and the carefully arranged program of daily exercises furnish this training in two important elements, promptness and system. All interruptions in either of these things weaken the effect of the training. "Absence or tardiness, if only occasional, robs the child, all unrealized by himself, of one of the best results which his school life can yield him."

Teacher and parent need to work together to secure regularity of attendance. Let the teacher, filled with love for her pupils, plan the work and conduct the exercises so that the school room is attractive; let the parent consider that the school is the business of the child, and that no reason except sickness shall interfere with prompt and regular attendance, and, I feel sure, our record of tardiness and absence would be much improved and the efficiency of our work much increased.

At the request of Secretary Hill of the State Board, in order to make the statistical year uniform throughout the state, our "statistical table" covers the year ending June, 1899.

I am pleased to call attention to the fact that we have a larger number of pupils from this town doing high school work than we have had in any one of the past ten years. Fourteen have been in attendance at Arms Academy, five in Greenfield high school and one at Northfield Seminary. All of these may not complete the prescribed courses in these schools but no one of them who puts the right spirit into his work can fail to broaden out his education and come into

touch with those things which will contribute much to the training, culture and enjoyment of his future life.

In a recent report Secretary Hill of the State Board of Education says that 25 per cent. of the total enrollment of our schools enjoy some of the advantages of high school instruction. I trust that the high school spirit of this town will be kept up to the high standard set by the state.

On the other hand, we need to remember that most of our children will get all their school education in our rural schools,—these little houses on the hills and in the valleys. Hence it behooves us to make them the best possible. The “rural school problem” is one which attracts much attention in these days, and occasions no little discussion.

The exodus from town to cities and villages and the diminution in the size of families have resulted in small schools. These usually furnish few children with a large number of classes. The real advantage of the rural school is the opportunity for individual instruction. This is a helpful feature, but too many times it is obtained at a loss of all class instruction, and the pupil is deprived of the inspiration which comes from the rivalry of classmates.

A committee of the New England Association of School Superintendents, after discussing this problem quite freely, concludes with these words: “Therefore, it is recommended that, unless extraordinary conditions prevent, all schools of an average attendance of eight pupils or less be closed; that transportation, with state aid therefor, be furnished to pupils thus compelled to travel unreasonable distances; and that the work be so arranged and the pupils so classified and graded as to minify the number of recitations per day usually obtaining in ungraded schools.”

The usual minor repairs have been made this year and the houses at Griswoldville and Foundry been painted. The drainage about the school house at Griswoldville is bad and should be remedied. The house at Wilson Hill should be painted.

I wish to express my thanks for the courtesy and support which I have received from both committee and teachers.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES P. HALL, Superintendent.

Shelburne Falls, February 16, 1900.

TRUANT OFFICERS' REPORTS.

MR. CHARLES P. HALL, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:

I hereby submit the following report as Truant Officer of Colrain, for the year 1899-1900.

Number cases investigated,	12
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Number of truants,	4
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Number kept out by parents,	8
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All were returned to school.

C. WEBSTER SMITH.

Shattuckville, February 15, 1900.

MR. CHARLES P. HALL, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:

I hereby submit the following report as truant officer of Colrain.

Number cases investigated,	13
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Number kept out by parents,	13
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All were returned to school.

JOHN C. THOMPSON.

Colrain, February 15, 1900.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Terms.	Wages per Month.	Whole Number Enrolled		Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance.	Days of Absence.	Cases of Tardiness.	Cases of Dismissal.
				Boys	Girls						
Adamsville	{ Helen A. Peterson Mrs. N. A. Harmon	1	30 00								
	{ Florence C. Lawrence	1	32 00	22	7	19.2	16.5	85.1	366	57	27
Bardwell	Sarah D. Miller	1	32 00	5	6	7.1	6.8	95.6	54	1	13
Brick	Mabel R. Coombs	3	26 00	10	6	13.1	11.9	91.0	147	62	2
Center	Florence M. Lyman	3	24 00	21	11	20.1	17.9	89.2	334	63	69
	{ Mina L. Hillman	1	32 00								
Christian Hill	{ Isaac Fleming	1	28 00	1	16	21.5	19.1	88.0	294	83	9
	{ Alice M. Thompson	1	28 00	4	2	8.8	7.3	83.0	130	17	2
Churchill	Clara C. Moxom	1	24 00	16	8	17.0	16.3	95.6	98	32	29
Elm Grove	Grace L. Donelson	3	28 00								
	{ Bertha A. Howes	1	30 00								
Foundry Grammar	{ George W. Cary	1	32 00	17	18	26.5	22.9	86.1	567	214	137
	{ Mary A. Richards	1	32 00								
Foundry Primary	{ Edith M. Smith	2	30 00	21	11	27.7	22.8	82.5	670	205	97
	{ Estella Goodell	1	30 00								
	{ Alice M. Thompson	1	28 00	6	8	9.6	7.9	82.8	259	89	24
Four Corners.	Bertha M. Browning	2	24 00	12	10	22.6	20.3	90.1	352	23	35
Griswoldville Grammar	Florence M. Baker	3	28 00	15	15	21.7	20.5	94.5	106	8	7
Griswoldville Primary	Gladys C. Amidon	3	28 00	24	25	34.7	32.0	92.1	417	196	5
Shattuckville	Maud M. Purrington	3	32 00	9	3	9.8	8.9	90.5	145	135	32
South	Minnie E. Hawks	3	26 00								
	{ Bertha M. Browning	1	24 00								
Wilson Hill	{ Alice M. Thompson	1	28 00	7	10	10.3	9.1	82.4	193	65	5
	{ Maud Bassett	1	24 00								
Total				205	152	269.7	240.2	89.1	4222	1250	484

*For year ending June, 1899.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RESOURCES.

Town appropriation for schools,	\$3,052 00	
Town appropriation for transportation,	438 00	
Town appropriation for superintendent of schools	360 00	
Town appropriation for O'Brien's bill,	16 00	
Received from Mass. school fund,	394 38	
Received from state rebate on account of superintendent,	260 00	
Received from state for tuition of state wards,	133 50	
Received from dog fund,	45 26	
Received from Shelburne for tuition,	44 00	
Received from sale of supplies, etc.,	3 94	
		\$4,747 08

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for teachers' salaries,	\$3,389 50	
Paid for transportation,	417 35	
Paid for supplies,	336 56	
Paid for repairs,	160 52	
Paid for superintendent's salary,	360 00	
Paid for high school tuition,	135 00	
Paid for fuel,	94 68	
Paid for cleaning and care of schoolrooms,	77 15	
Paid for freight, express, postage, etc.,	18 03	
Paid for O'Brien appropriation,	16 00	
Paid for supply agent C. P. Hall,	2 70	
		5,007 49

TRUANT OFFICERS.

Paid John C. Thompson,	\$7 50	
Paid C. Webster Smith,	5 00	
		12 50
		\$5,019 99
Expended above resources,		272 91

GEORGE W. CARY,	} School Committee of Colrain.
CHAS. L. DONELSON,	
WILLIAM T. FRANCIS,	

SUPPLIES ISSUED FOR YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY, 1900.

Adamsville,	\$22 60
Bardwell,	13 59
Brick,	15 38
Centre,	24 05
Christian Hill,	36 86
Churchill,	22 38
Elm Grove,	13 55
Foundry Grammar,	26 77
Foundry Primary,	14 93
Four Corners,	25 36
Griswoldville Grammar,	30 77
Griswoldville Primary,	13 90
Shattuckville,	39 45
South,	14 12
Wilson Hill,	21 16
	\$334 87

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following pupils have not been absent, tardy, or dismissed during the number of terms mentioned :

FIVE TERMS.

Guy Miner, Lelia Smead.

FOUR TERMS.

Ira Miner.

THREE TERMS.

Ancil Bell,	Flora Bell,
Leroy Martin,	Lura Bell,
Foster Russell,	Sadie Carr,
Earl Smead,	Clara Coombs,
Frank Wolfram,	Marion Donelson.

TWO TERMS.

Leon Dennison,	Addie Miller,
Frederic Gilderdale,	Ida Norton,
Wilfred LaBelle,	Delma Peltier,
Rudolph Luscher,	Mildred Reed,
Leo Miner,	Malah Russell,
Fred Scheiffer,	Louise Sessler,
Earle Temple,	Mildred Starkey,
Alice Allard,	Mabel Thompson,
Emma Bell,	Goldie Wood,
Maude Gilderdale,	Mildred Wood,
Mabel McCloud,	Olive Wood.

ONE TERM.

Willie Ariel,
 Walter Brown,
 Leon Carpenter,
 Leon Carr,
 William Cromack,
 Francis Duprey,
 Samuel Duprey,
 Christian Finck,
 Wallace Grover,
 Charlie Hall,
 Daniel Herzig,
 Leroy Herzig,
 Raymond Herzig,
 Earl Kemp,
 Ellsworth Kemp,
 Percy Kemp,
 Walter King,
 Wilfred Lively,
 Willie Looman,
 Lewis Martin,
 Roy Nichols,
 Frank Paradise,
 Leo Parker,
 Willie Peltier,
 Leo Rabadean,
 Joseph Schechterle,
 John Schneck,
 Amasa Shippee,
 Fred Shippee,

Walter Streeter,
 George Thompson,
 Leon Zrannig,
 Simon Zrannig,
 Ellen Coombs,
 Eva Copeland,
 Lenna Cusson,
 Edna Davenport,
 Nita Hathaway,
 Mildred Hillman,
 Rose LaCross,
 Julia LaPierre,
 Mary LaPierre,
 Rosa Luscher,
 Helen McGee,
 Mary Meyer,
 Rose Meyer,
 Dora Miller,
 Marie Miner,
 Katie Schechterle,
 Mary Sessler,
 Helen Stone,
 Ellen Storms,
 Mildred Temple,
 Elsie Vincent,
 Nellie Vincent,
 Hazel Warner,
 Martiel Warner,
 Ethel Wood.

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

Received from treasurer,	\$50 00
Amount on hand at beginning of year,	18 24
Received from fines and catalogues,	8 07
	\$76 31

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for purchase of books,	\$24 29
Paid for postage, express, freight, etc.,	3 03
Paid for librarian's salary,	25 00
Cash on hand,	23 99
	\$76 31

Number volumes in library February 22, 1899,	1,336
Number volumes added by purchase,	17
Number volumes added by contribution,	6

Total, February 17, 1900,	1,359
Number of volumes borrowed from January 1, 1899 to January 1, 1900,	1,788
Number of volumes borrowed from Christian Hill branch,	340

Total circulation for the year,	2,128
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Owing to the large increase in the circulation of our library, and added care attendant upon same, we recommend that \$50.00 be appropriated this year for rental and salary of librarian and \$25.00 for the purchase of books.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. CARY, W. T. FRANCIS, CHAS. L. DONELSON,	}	Library Trustees.
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AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have this day examined the Accounts of the School Committee, Library Trustees and Librarian, and find them correct. The inventory of books in the library at this date shows the number of volumes to be 1,369.

H. O. SCOTT, Auditor.

Colrain, February 17th, 1900.



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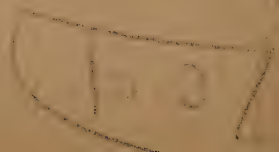
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Treasurer's Report

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE TOWN OF COLRAIN
FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 23, 1901.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand February 22, 1900.	\$ 19 72
Cash from temporary loan,	3,500 00
Katherine W. Cram, librarian,	23 28
District Court of Franklin, account of fines,	50 00
C. J. Russell, account of license,	250 00
State account, education of state chil- dren,	126 50
State account, superintendent of schools,	260 00
State account, inspection of animals,	39 84
State account, corporation tax,	420 27
State account, National Bank tax,	177 74
State account, military aid, Chapter 372, Acts of 1899,	12 00
State account, military aid, Chapter 561, Acts of 1898,	102 00
State account, state aid, Chapter 374, Acts of 1899,	568 00
State account, Massachusetts school fund,	504 78
State account, state board of charity,	4 05
H. O. Scott, auctioneer's license,	2 00
P. Looman, butcher's license,	1 00
H. F. Purrington, butcher's license,	1 00

Cash from William Sessler, butcher's license,	\$ 1 00
F. L. Davenport, interest on Levi Davenport legacy,	65 50
Town of Shelburne, tuition,	108 06
E. A. Newcomb, county treasurer, ac- count dog fund,	56 65
Shelburne Falls National Bank,	700 00
Oscar Fairbanks, over payment,	1 00
William Sessler, over payment,	1 00
Town of Greenfield, account George Hough,	2 00
H. W. Thompson, for shovel,	88
A. H. Temple, collector, taxes of 1900,	11,254 15
	\$18,252 42

EXPENDITURES.

Paid assessors' abatements of 1900,	\$ 37 05
Paid Selectmen's orders,	17,991 92
Cash on hand,	223 45
	\$18,252 42

TOWN'S INDEBTEDNESS.

Eight notes of \$1,000, due annually Jan. 1,	\$ 8,000 00
State road note of	1,500 00
Note due Shelburne Falls National Bank, March 11,	700 00
	\$10,200 00

R. C. HILLMAN, Treasurer.

Town Clerk's Report.

R. C. HILLMAN, TOWN CLERK.

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF COLRAIN FOR THE
YEAR 1900-1901.

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To cash received from 71 licenses male dogs, \$2.00,	\$142 00	
To cash received from 5 licenses, female dogs, \$5.00,	25 00	
By cash paid E. A. Newcomb, county treasurer,		\$151 80
By Clerk's fees, 76 licenses at 20 cents,		15 20
	\$167 00	\$167 00

Auditor's Report.

I have this day finished my examination of the books of the selectmen of Colrain for the past year. Examined all bills and compared same with orders given and find same correct; have also footed the different items as recorded in the book of record, and find same as stated in selectmen's report; have also examined the books of the town clerk and treasurer; compared payments with orders given and find same correct and balance of \$223.45 in the treasurer's hands,

although same would hardly be called a surplus, as there are outstanding orders to possibly more than cover the amounts. The tax collector has paid the treasurer the amount called for in the assessor's warrant, so there was no necessity for auditing his book. The changes in the school board the past year has rendered the task of the auditor more difficult as the incumbent not fully understanding the requirements that all bills should be receipted, had (in a few cases) neglected that important part, consequently other methods had to be resorted to. I find same correct.

The illness of the librarian prevented the calling in of the books of the free library at the usual time, so I was unable to take an inventory, consequently am unable to make a report other than that given me by the librarian, which is that we have acquired by purchase 48 books, and by gift 56, which added to those on hand at last report would be 1463 volumes. I would suggest that the trustees procure a suitable book of record for the use of the librarian in which should be recorded the sum appropriated, and all sums received from whatever source, as well as all sums expended for books and other purposes. The present method, as I consider incomplete, as no record can be shown except by reference to the selectmen's and clerk's books and the town reports. I would also suggest that the school committee keep a record book in which shall appear all receipts and expenditures, as I believe the present method of keeping accounts upon the stubs of the order books a very unsatisfactory one.

Respectfully submitted,

H. O. SCOTT, Auditor.

Colrain, Feb. 23, 1901.

Selectmen's Report.

FELLOW CITIZENS :

We herewith submit our annual report for the year 1900 and 1901 to the 23d day of February.

In the department of highways and bridges, we have expended about six hundred dollars more than the appropriation owing to the necessity of building one new bridge and two abutments near E. B. Smith's, at a cost of about \$500; one new bridge near James A. Galvin's with two abutments at a cost of \$200. For new road near A. A. Smith's with alterations by order county commissioners at an expense of \$300. Other expenditures will be found on the following pages. The town is asked to appropriate money for the construction of a system of sewerage which this board believes to be an important matter and should be very carefully considered.

DISBURSEMENTS.

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Thomas O'Brien,	\$ 7 20	F. L. Shearer,	\$ 3 00
Mary A. Nelson,	1 05	C. Wolfram,	1 85
Peter Reil,	6 30	Louie Dunton,	22 50
Geo. Ribbedeau,	8 40	Jesse M. Purrington,	2 80
Eli Stone,	115 00	F. L. Kendrick,	28 89
C. N. Carpenter,	200 00	Fred Starkee,	4 94
Geo. W. Fairbanks,	40 52	Joseph Patno,	4 94

H. Newell & Co.	\$ 41 99	Albert Hirzig,	\$15 10
J. A. Mather,	350 00	Harry B. Gilderdale,	8 25
Eli Stone,	25 00	M. R. Pierce & Co.,	2 40
D. D. Hillman,	7 35	R. C. Porter,	2 95
E. H. Pleasant,	7 50	Thomas Looman,	4 94
Chas. Harris,	13 35	Joseph Lively,	12 52
Efford Underwood,	2 03	D. S. Faulkner,	3 60
D. S. Faulkner,	15 00	J. E. Bowen,	4 50
Frank Hinckler,	7 50	Miles Shippee,	4 94
A. A. Smith,	43 55	E. J. Atherton,	6 00
Geo. Ribbedeau,	3 75	J. W. Burrington,	10 50
Geo. W. Warner,	100 00	G. W. Warner,	75 00
H. L. Porter,	3 00	H. Peters,	2 00
Levi Davenport,	13 20	C. Webster Smith,	8 50
Rudolph Herzig,	4 50	Arthur L. Fish,	6 45
J. D. Gilchrest,	22 20	Frank Jeffords,	3 90
H. Newell & Co.,	46 70	James Shearer,	6 00
Charles Harris,	2 85	D. B. Meacham,	11 85
J. B. Clark,	23 69	O. H. Taylor,	5 25
Mose Billie,	11 85	Sam Wood,	6 00
Ephram Galipault,	8 12	Geo. McClellan,	4 05
Samuel Clement,	4 55	C. W. Hillman,	8 85
M. B. Crosier,	7 45	W. W. Cressey,	1 80
Edgar Kendrick,	3 05	J. A. Dwight & Son,	9 08
Pat Lamourie,	14 63	Oscar Fairbanks,	4 95
Charles Wolfram,	4 80	Geo. D. Stetson,	17 10
F. B. Shippee,	3 53	Merrifield Bros.,	26 40
D. H. Brown,	75	H. M. Peterson,	17 93
Joel L. Clark,	3 75	E. B. Smith,	12 92
C. E. Davenport,	6 00	H. Newel & Co.,	4 62
H. C. Cromack,	8 25	Christian Finck,	15 76
C. W. Maxam,	4 95	W. H. Bardwell,	38 00
H. B. Miller,	25 35	Roberts Bros.,	13 65
C. Webster Smith,	14 00	M. A. Thompson,	10 05
David Lusty,	8 00	C. F. White,	16 33
Geo. O. Dunnell,	18 20	C. L. Donelson,	8 25
L. W. Fairbanks,	12 00	C. M. Fairbanks,	42 30
I. N. Joy,	7 20	Fred Reil,	7 20

H. A. Howard,	\$20 00	C. M. Fairbanks,	\$ 2 80
Erving Call,	3 00	S. W. Day,	17 99
E. L. Davenport,	5 25	S. B. Johnson,	5 50
Edgar Kendrick,	75	Frank Walden,	10 95
Griswoldville Mfg Co.,	77	E. R. Cobb,	8 88
Eli J. Burrington,	4 95	Avery Bros.,	20 00
Amos Stewart,	38 12	D. M. Pierce,	6 95
James W. Carpenter,	6 60	C. D. Miner,	6 00
Eli Stone,	2 25	F. A. Dunnell,	15 75
Geo. W. Cary,	6 00	G. A. Thompson,	11 40
M. O. Nichols,	5 55	E. S. Auger,	3 15
J. B. Cromack,	9 75	C. Beaudry,	3 90
E. T. Cutting,	10 60	Horace Kemp,	21 75
E. W. Clark,	23 77	G. W. Warner,	2 00
J. F. McClellan,	50 85	Geo. H. Nelson,	9 00
L. L. Brigham,	9 75	J. M. Shearer,	34 24
Thompson Bros.,	39 44	Joel Cone,	8 70
W. H. Kemp,	3 00	Robert Coombs,	6 75
O. D. Kemp,	10 50	R. E. Martin,	10 50
A. O. Davenport,	3 35	F. L. Purrington,	6 75
Wayne Hillman,	12 90	L. B. Stewart,	3 00
J. P. Sturtevant,	1 50	Charles W. Smith,	18 00
Avery Bros.,	17 20	Elias Bardwell,	7 35
H. F. Purrington,	2 25	Wm. Martin,	3 00
H. R. Donelson,	32 70	Wm. Stewart,	4 05
J. D. Gilchrist,	6 60	F. E. Cromack,	2 50
Geo. R. Purrington,	6 38	Wm. Sessler,	10 75
J. A. Galvin,	24 10	Mary A. Nelson,	15 60
G. L. Pierce,	17 05	C. B. Dennison,	37 22
A. B. Stacy,	6 23	F. M. Thompson,	13 95
G. E. Mattison,	12 94	W. S. Allard,	4 95
E. S. Alexander,	26 10	John L. Clark,	1 00
A. W. Hinsdale,	2 75	M. Looman,	18 00
D. W. Nelson,	9 37	T. D. Williams,	13 77
H. S. Browning,	37 45	O. M. Brown,	4 20
L. E. Dunton,	4 35	Thos. Smead,	9 90
Jona E. Davenport,	8 40	J. N. Miner,	21 00
M. M. Johnson,	3 00	Byron Call,	14 25

C. Webster Smith,	\$ 5 45	J. H. Cann,	\$ 2 10
F. L. Kendrick,	18 53	A. O. Nelson,	11 55
A. A. Smith,	48 35	Coombs Bros.,	13 90
J. B. Clark,	4 50	W. H. Donelson,	14 40
Chester W. Smith,	10 65	Smith & Hillman,	94
Frank Fairbanks,	4 50	E. R. Cobb,	10 80
Geo. H. Fisk,	8 82	H. W. Thompson,	15 00
H. A. Howard,	14 70	H. O. Scott,	6 00
C. A. Marcy,	20	T. R. Shearer,	7 79
			\$2,905 82

INCIDENTALS.

Walden & Crawley,	\$ 50 99	John E. Bowen,	\$ 5 62
H. A. Howard,	7 86	A. A. Smith,	7 50
Clapp & Abercrombie,	2 00	E. A. Hall & Co.,	3 55
H. A. Howard,	35	A. A. Smith,	1 35
C. T. Bagnall,	6 08	J. D. Gilchrist,	2 00
Barry Printing Co.,	1 75	S. F. & C. R. R. Co.,	4 85
J. T. Davis,	3 75	Charles A. Smith,	1 50
H. A. Howard,	7 50	Smith & Hillman,	2 00
J. W. Cram,	5 50	F. J. Canady M. D.,	1 75
E. A. Hall & Co.,	20	W. H. Kemp,	40
W. S. Allard,	50	J. B. Clark,	2 25
R. C. Hillman,	7 10	William Smead,	4 10
William H. Ward,	80 88	Perry M. Crafts,	47 20
H. A. Howard,	50	A. H. Temple,	1 80
			\$260 83

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Town of Greenfield,	\$ 3 53	O. M. Brown,	\$182 00
L. F. Babbitt, Treas.,	41 79	Lewis F. Babbitt,	42 25

Town of Leverett,	\$ 2 00	F. J. Canady M. D.,	\$ 8 00
H. S. Swan,	33 00	Thompson Bros.,	31 05
Mrs. C. N. Carpenter,	10 00	A. A. Smith,	3 00
L. F. Babbitt, Treas.,	42 71	O. M. Brown,	150 00
Baker's Pharmacy,	3 00	George W. Warner,	132 50
Charles Wolfram,	69 96	Town of Shutesbury,	9 50
Charles Wolfram,	22 08	J. W. Cram, M. D.,	40 25
George W. Warner,	130 00	Smith & Hillman,	24 62
		L. F. Babbitt, Treas.,	42 71
			\$1,023 95

Amount paid as State Aid,	\$484 00
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TOWN OFFICERS.

J. D. Gilchrist,	\$ 16 00	C. Webster Smith,	\$ 4 25
J. D. Gilchrist,	25 00	J. E. Bowen,	2 00
F. I. Shippee,	2 00	C. Webster Smith,	64 00
J. D. Gilchrist,	46 26	H. B. Miller,	2 00
D. Leon Smith,	10 00	J. W. Cram,	20 10
F. A. Dunnell,	35 00	George W. Cary,	10 75
F. W. Purrington,	24 00	W. H. Kemp,	37 00
H. R. Donelson,	8 00	J. C. Thompson,	6 00
J. D. Gilchrist,	17 00	Elias Bardwell,	6 00
Jona E. Davenport,	49 50	J. B. Clark,	30 00
R. C. Hillman,	90 25	W. H. Donelson,	20 00
C. L. Donelson,	25 00	H. W. Thompson,	55 00
H. A. Howard,	62 50	A. A. Smith,	85 00
O. D. Kemp,	4 00	A. H. Temple,	125 61
			\$756 61

COUNTY TAX.

E. A. Newcomb, Treasurer,	\$1,473 21
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STATE TAX.

Edward S. Bradford, Treasurer,	\$360 00
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PAID TOWN DEBT AND INTEREST.

Packard National Bank, interest,	\$ 1 05
E. S. Bradford, treasurer, interest,	26 25
E. S. Bradford, treasurer, interest,	180 00
E. S. Bradford, treasurer, principal,	1,000 00
E. S. Bradford, treasurer, note,	3,500 00
E. S. Bradford, treasurer, interest,	116 66
E. S. Bradford, treasurer, interest,	180 00
Shelburne Falls National Bank, interest,	2 60
	\$5,006 56

LIQUOR LICENSE.

Paid E. S. Bradford, treasurer,	62 50
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MEMORIAL DAY.

Paid H. M. Howard, Q. M..	\$50 00
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OLD BILLS.

Paid F. L. Kendrick,	\$19 06
H. O. Scott, auditing accounts 1899 and 1900,	12 00
	\$31 06

SCHOOLS.

LIBRARY.

School Supt.,	\$ 360 00	Free Library,	\$60 61
Schools,	5,064 45	Librarian,	75 00
	\$5,424 45		\$135 61

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Due from state on account state aid paid,	\$484 00
Due from state for burial of indigent soldiers,	33 00
Due from state on account Frank M. Lone,	42 05

Due from state on account inspector of animals,	\$48 51
Due from Christian Finck for brick,	4 25

\$611 81

RECAPITULATION.

Amounts Appropriated.		
\$ 2,300 00	Highways and bridges,	\$2,905 82
800 00	Support of poor,	1,023 95
160 00	Incidentals,	260 83
600 00	State aid,	484 00
800 00	Town officers,	881 61
475 00	Interest,	506 56
1000 00	Town indebtedness,	4,500 00
360 00	State tax,	360 00
1,500 00	County tax,	1,473 21
4,250 00	Schools, including superintendent and transportation,	5,424 45
75 00	Free public library,	60 61
50 00	Librarian salary,	50 00
25 00	Librarian for rent for 1899,	25 00
50 00	Memorial day,	50 00
	Old bills,	31 06
	One-fourth of liquor license,	62 50
Total,		\$18,099 60

Inventory of tools at crusher plant, same as last
year except stone boat, \$740 00

Two hearses at J. B. Clark's.

One road machine.

One seal for weights and measures.

One book-case.

Two safes.

One derrick.

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH W. THOMPSON,	{	Selectmen of Colrain.
HENRY A. HOWARD,		
ARTHUR A. SMITH.		

Assessors' Report.

Complete list of taxable property May 1, 1900. First figures indicate personal estate, second figures real estate.

Avery Bros.,	\$560	\$3,300	Allard, W. S.	\$200	\$1,430
Auger, E.	90	500	Alexander, Maria	276	690
Apt, Helen N.	564	2,200	Ariel, H. E.	30	600
Atherton, E. J.	95	650	Aurnig, Joseph	30	
Brown, F. L.	1,187	1,135	Bardwell, W. H.	574	2,275
Booth E. P.	107	1,275	Bell, Mrs. J. A.	30	525
Brown, D. H.	55	570	Beaudry, Charles	336	1,900
Burrington, S. L.	124	850	Burrington, J. W.		800
Bowen, John E.	324	1,000	Browning, H. S.	540	2,575
Bardwell, Elias	184	1,700	Burrington, Eli J.		962
Brigham, C. L.	377	2,300	Booth, Nora E.		550
Baptist Society,			Burrington, W. E.	75	750
First		1,000	Booth, Nancy J.		1,050
Brigham, L. L.	612	1,350	Buck, Addie S.		250
Brown, F. A.	1,000		Bell, Harry		500
Bell, Ida M.	97		Bridges, Will	507	1,550
Bushey, Henry		540	Bushey, Joseph		450
Bullock, A. R.		725	Brown, O. M.	400	3,700
Bowen, H. D.	175		Brigham, Nellie T.		825
Bodette, Fred	75				
Crosier, M. B.	199	900	Coombs Bros.,	1,574	4,250
Cromack, H. C.	487	1,800	Carpenter, J. W.	519	1,800
Congregational			Carr, James H.	117	335
Society,		1,000	Cobb, Sarah C.		450
Carpenter, C. L.			Cobb, E. R.	370	20
estate,		260	Cary, Geo. W.	624	1,800

Churchill, H. S.	\$ 30		Call, Orson	\$211	\$875
Call, Mrs. John	201	750	Call, C. H.	25	
Call, Oscar E.		350	Clark, Joel L.	252	800
Cary, W. W.	935	3,875	Clark, J. B. & Son	579	1,685
Clark, John L.	462	2,000	Cary, Daniel	67	360
Cromack, J. B. &			Copeland, E. F.	1,417	2,700
Son,	1,026	3,250	Coombs, E. W.		1,450
Coombs, R. M.	796	3,400	Cone & Coombs,		800
Cone, Joel	275	1,060	Carpenter,		
Cutting, E. T.	414	2,000	Julia M.		800
Carpenter, C. N.	50	1,700	Curtis, Sarah J.		1,500
Clark, Fidelia		550	Curtis, John H.		450
Clark, E. W.	479	1,400	Cram, J. W.	200	2,600
Cromack, F. E.	537	1,180	Call, Byron L.	230	1,900
Cowing, E. E.	55	300	Chevilier, Louis	180	1,225
Collins, Matt	104	350	Crooks, C. M. Rev.	200	
Cressy, W. W.	300	165	Coburn, Noah		25
Cole, J. W.		1,000			

Davenport, S. G.		425	Davenport, J. E.	405	950
Davenport, C. E.	491	2,600	Davenport, A. O.	380	1,225
Davenport, J. E.	620	3,200	Davenport, Levi	60	200
Davenport, W. J.	150	30	Dunnell, F. A.	562	1,850
Dunnell, G. O.	451	1,325	Dewey, H. W.		675
Dwight, J. A. &			Dewey, David T.		625
Son,	593	1,850	Deane, J. C.	40	
Deane, Clara W.	6,475		Donelson, H. R.	529	2,750
Donelson, C. L.	985	3,850	Dennison, C. B. &		
Davenport, E. L.	75	900	Son,	362	1,500
Donelson, W. H.	206	900	Dennison &		
Dunton, L. E.	399	750	Smith,	4,250	
Darling, W. W.	235	2,400	Dexter, Hoyt		1,375
Davenport, Roxey		50			

Fairbanks, F. S.	195	500	Fairbanks, C. M.	438	1,090
Fairbanks Bros.,		275	Fairbanks, L. W.	70	1,000
Fairbanks, O. R.	323	1,025	Field, F. S.	120	

Fink, Christian	\$228	\$1,305	Fink, Fred	\$110	\$560
Fish, Arthur	305	400	Faulkner, D. S.	25	
Gilderdale, H. B.	12		Galvin, J. A.	846	3,450
Green, Erastus			Green, G. P.	200	250
estate,	626	2,875	Gilchrist, J. D.	80	
Griswold L.	3,235		Griswold, J. H.		300
Galipault, Frank	202	850	Grover, Gus	45	
Gebo, Moses	30		Griswoldville		
			Mfg Co.,	57,700	47,075
Hillman, C. W.	409	760	Hinsdale, A. W.	242	1,400
Hillman, M. L.	1,000		Hillman, Wayne	1,428	1,875
Harris, M. S.	802	2,500	Howard H. A. &		
Howard, H. N.		600	Son,	629	2,850
Hathaway, G. E.	600		Hillman, W. G.	30	
Hager, Leon S.	14		Herzig, Arnold	30	1,400
Herzig, Rudolph	365		Herzig, Albert	213	500
Harris & Miner,	310	1,400	Harris, L. D.	25	
Hill, F. O.	118				
Jeffords, Geo. R.			Jeffords, F. W.	50	
estate,	169	800	Johnson, M. M.	379	2,180
Johnson, S. B.	467	1,500	Joy, Mrs. H. R.	69	800
Joy, I. N.	193	900	Jacob, Charley	45	
Kemp, Horace	834	3,180	Kemp, O. D.	352	1,100
Kemp, W. H.	666	2,050	Kendrick, O. B.	220	1,660
Kendrick, F. L.	1,405	2,175	Kendrick, Edgar	134	1,040
Kelley, Walter	77	950			
Looman, Thomas		150	Looman, Michael	314	1,100
Looman, Pat	84	410	Looman, J. R.	215	900
Lapierre & Faulk-			Lively, Joseph	498	900
ner,	474	2,000	LeClair, Melissie	102	1,050
Lusty, D. & Son,	224	1,050	Laplant, Henry	32	
Lapierre, Cleophas	82		Lamoreaux, Nelson		625

Mattison, G. E.	\$174	\$950	McGee, C. C.	\$157	
McGee, Emily C.		750	Moore, L.B. & Son,	227	\$1,325
Martin, R. E.	321	1,320	Meacham, H. S.	335	
McClellen, J. F.	549	2,725	McCloud, F. A.	195	875
Maxam, C. W. &			Merrifield Bros.	1,198	2,400
Mother,	163	1,115	McGee, C. W.	236	850
Marcy, C. A.	2,125	4,065	Martin, William	172	1,200
Miner, C. D.	336	1,450	Marley, Lizzie		345
Miller, H. B.	310	1,375	Miller, H. B. estate,		585
Miller, Mrs. B. F.	162	1,600	Miner, J. N.	836	1,510
McClellen, G. E.	160	1,100	Meacham, D. B.	308	2,000
Methodist E. So-			Miner, Mrs. J. C.	65	400
ciety,		1,000	Miller, George	55	
Massaemet Yarn					
Mills,	11,800	15,190			
Nelson, S. O.	241	1,350	Noyes, J. D.	462	3,600
Nelson, J. D.		400	Nelson, D. W.	510	2,100
Nelson, Mary	295	1,600	Nichols, M. O.	420	1,200
Nelson, Geo. H.	539	1,000			
O'Brien, T.	112	800			
Purrington, F. L.	272	1,280	Purrington, F.W.	1,555	4,350
Purrington, H.F.	631	2,100	Pierce, D. M.	180	1,350
Purrington, N.H.	357	1,650	Pierce, Geo. L.	641	2,500
Pike, Maria		350	Purrington, H.M.	75	
Peterson, H. M.	559	2,100	Patterson & Rugg,	619	1,875
Phillips, Geo. H.		625	Porter, R. C.	180	625
Parker, E. J.	80	860	Purinton, G. R.	843	2,750
Purrington, Fre-			Pitt, G. W.	100	
mont estate,		450	Pelchee, Ephriam	60	
Purinton, J. M.	25		Patterson, Geo. R.	92	100
Roberts Brothers,	636	2,500	Read Elwin J.		1,400
Russell, Mrs. G. A.		800	Reil, Fred	387	850
Russell, C. J.	474	3,000	Rugg, C. A.	75	400
Russell, Mary A.	1,000		Richards, Thomas	70	
Revoir, Peter	50		Roberts, Lizzie		600

Smith & Hill-			Smith, Chas. W.	\$890	\$4,400
man,	\$2,600	\$1,525	Smith, C. Webster	175	850
Smith, A. A.	671	3,175	Smith, H. J.	768	3,100
Smith, E. B.	253	1,625	Smith, Chester W.	799	4,125
Smith, E. C. & Son,	89	1,200	Smith, A. C.	500	1,050
Smith, W. W.	150		Shearer, T. C. es-		
Snow, D. W.	25	50	tate,		750
Spurr, Antis		1,395	Sessler, William	327	1,150
Stewart, William	332	2,350	Stewart, E. B.	489	2,700
Stewart, L. B.	192	300	Stewart, Amos,	373	1,500
Shaw, Kate A.		500	Scott, H. O.	2,891	3,170
Starkey, Fred A.	117	500	Stetson Bros.,	779	2,650
Stratton, L. W.	165	1,300	Stacy R. W. &		
Shippee, Mrs. F.			Son,	342	1,250
B., G. Duggan			Sturtevant, J. P.	332	700
and A. Bemis,	110	475	Stone, Eli	85	475
Smead, Susan	100		Stone, Samuel	177	1,400
Shearer, J. M.	375	975	Stone, Moses	15	440
Smead, Thomas,	402	2,450	Shelburne Falls		
Schechterlee, G.	50		and Colrain		
Stow, W. W.	50	50	St. R. R.		800
Shearer, Millie E.	105		Shearer, J. E.	9	
Thompson, M. A.	867	2,200	Taylor, O. H.	183	825
Thomas, A. L.	600	585	Thompson, F. M.	245	700
Thompson, D. F.	277	1,200	Thompson, J. C.	125	1,600
Thompson, H. W.	705	2,150	Thompson, G. A.	179	1,250
Temple, A. H. & Son	80	1,310	Thompson Bros.,	606	2,600
Temple, S. E.	990	3,000	Thompson, Jane		500
Tinkham, J. W.	30	1,050	Thompson, J. W.	25	
Terry, Rev. W. R.	70		Thompson, M. A.	75	
Vincent, C. H.		275	Vincent, Ida L.	40	
Vincent, O. E.	293	50	Vincent, Releif M.		250
Wheeler, S. W.	812	2,850	White, Luke	70	475
White, C. F. &			Walden, F. A.	210	1,000
Son,	804	2,000	Warner, Geo. W.	310	2,225
Williams, T. D.	354	1,500	Wood, S. E.	219	800

Wolfram, Chas. 3,150	Ware, Fred L.	60	
Weed, M. S.	65		
York, H. J.	100	Yelld, Paul	35 200

NON-RESIDENT TAX PAYERS.

Allen, S. & Sons,	\$ 425	Allen, Sylvanus	\$ 600
Barber, Mathew,	1,300	Balou, Francis	50
Billings, Mrs. Abbie	500		
Call, Arthur	620	Conant, Mrs. Sarah	950
Clapp, J. W.	800	Clouchie, Louis	325
Davenport, E. J.	150	Davenport, F. L.	150
Dunnell, David estate,	50	Dennison, A. J.	50
Graves, A. D.	400	Gillett, R. W.	370
Hobart, E. D.	500	Handforth, H. estate,	650
Hancock, William	200		
Johnson, Lewis heirs,	700	Johnson, A. L.	475
Jeffords, Charles	260		
Kinsman, W. E.	300		
Law, Ira A.	2,800	Legate, E. H.	100
Loomis, Austin D.	500	Long, S. M. estate,	500
Leach, Whitman	500	Lynds Brothers	85
Marcy, C. D. W.	1,000	Moulton, M. C. heirs,	850
Newton, M. L.	100		
Porter, Thomas	200	Purrington, M. S. & Son,	300
Richmond, A. A. estate,	350	Richmond, Lorenza	350
Shearer, T. R.	1,700	Shearer, Mrs. H. S.	800
Smith, E. W.	500	Smith, Zeri	1,600
Smead, Charles	75	Steel, George H.	70
Smith, A. B.	75		

Tenney, Herman E	\$200	Upton, F. S.	\$ 75
Vanvaulkinburg, J. C.	100		
Woodward, E. G.	150	Ware, E. B.	500
Warden, C. H.	290	375 Wheeler, S. N.	1,100

LIST OF ABATEMENTS ON TAXES OF 1900.

C. L. Donelson,	\$6 13	Oscar Call,	\$6 13
Gus Grover,	2 79	Willie Cole,	2 00
Elmer Cusson,	2 00	Joseph Fortin,	2 00
Lucien Gadreault,	2 00	Henry Gadreault	2 00
L. G. Gunn,	2 00	Albert Harris,	2 00
Edward A. Holton,	2 00	W. M. Johnson,	2 00
Joseph Kegsock,	2 00	Camille Patnor,	2 00

TABLE OF AGGREGATES.

No. Male polls assessed,	\$454
Residents assessed on property,	312
Non-residents assessed on property,	61
Horses assessed,	430
Cows assessed,	913
Sheep assessed,	1115
Cattle, other than cows,	914
Swine,	155
Dwelling houses,	329
Value of assessed personal estate,	\$174,462 00
Value of assessed real estate,	416,702 00
Total valuation of assessed estate,	\$591,164 00
Rate of total tax per \$1,000,	17 50
Total tax,	\$11,254 15

WALTER H. HICKS,	{	Assessors of Colrain.
JONATHAN E. DAVENPORT,		
FRANK A. DUNNELL,		

Report of Board of Health.

During the past year there has been quite a large amount of sickness in town. Aside from the usual diseases, there were at one time in the Adamsville district several cases of diphtheria which necessitated closing the school for a few weeks. The disease however was kept within a few families and so a general epidemic prevented.

There has been the largest number of cases of typhoid fever during the past fiscal year, that has been in town in one year, for several years. The disease first appeared in the Willis Place block, there having been six cases that we know of at that place.

About a month after the appearance of it at the Willis Place, the disease developed in the village of Griswoldville, undoubtedly caused by a contamination of the water supply with germs of the disease from the cases at the Willis Place. In Griswoldville there has been nine cases that we know of, two of them fatal.

There has been during the year twelve cases of scarlet fever, there having been seven cases in one family in the Miller district, necessitating the closing of that school for a few weeks. In other parts of the town there has been five isolated cases. Most of the cases have been of mild form.

The Board strongly urges that the town take action in the matter of providing sewers for the villages of Griswoldville and Colrain City, and to see that the factory villages are supplied with plenty of pure spring water for domestic use.

It is important to the best interest of the town that this subject be attended to.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Health	{	HUGH W. THOMPSON, HENRY A. HOWARD, ARTHUR A. SMITH, J. W. CRAM, Secretary.
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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN of COLRAIN
FOR THE
YEAR 1900—1901.

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School Calendar, 1901-02.

SPRING TERM—Begins Monday, April 8; ends Friday, June 28, twelve weeks.

FALL TERM—Begins Tuesday, September 3; ends Friday, November 22, twelve weeks.

WINTER TERM—Begins Monday, December 2; ends Friday, February 7, ten weeks.

HOLIDAYS—Patriot's Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Christmas Day.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

WILLIAM H. DONELSON, Chairman.

CHARLES L. DONELSON, Secretary.

JONATHAN E. DAVENPORT.

CHARLES P. HALL, Superintendent.

TRUANT OFFICERS.

JOHN C. THOMPSON,

C. WEBSTER SMITH.

Report of School Committee.

FELLOW CITIZENS :

Fleeting time has again honored us with the privilege of presenting our annual report for the school year of 1900-01.

As we take a retrospective glance over the past year, the work in general has been along the same lines as that of the two previous years. Our service in some instances may have merited criticism, but it has been the best at our command. It is gratifying to note that in most of our schools the results have been quite satisfactory. All credit should be given to those teachers who have made their work a success. The fact that public education must adapt itself to the changing conditions should always be considered. Again we would call your attention to the importance of uniting the smaller schools. It is difficult work to arouse enthusiasm and interest when the pupils are few in numbers, and as a matter of course, dull work for a teacher of them. We are glad to know that some of our people are realizing the importance of consolidation, thus giving us fewer, but much better schools. Contagious diseases have appeared in some of our schools during the year. When we considered it advisable for the good of the public in general to close these schools, here again was manifest that spirit of unjust criticism, and that lack of co-operation on the part of the parent for the best interest of the child. Our schools are what the public make them, and we hope will eventually reach the happy medium evolved from the common sense of the majority.

Owing to the large number of pupils in the Shattuckville school, an assistant has been employed thereby rendering it possible for the regular teacher to devote more time to the individual needs of the children. Aside from the minor repairs, we have had the Wilson Hill school house repaired and repainted ; a porch has been added to the Elm Grove, and new windows placed in the Brick. Attention was called last year to the needed repairs at Griswoldville. Later, upon a more thorough investigation we found a much larger outlay was necessary than we had anticipated. Slight repairs were made for the time being. We recommend the same appropriation as last year. We think it will cover all necessary repairs.

For Schools,	\$3,840 00
For Superintendent,	360 00

Superintendent's Report.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF COLRAIN :

I bring through you to the people of the town my eighth message concerning its schools.

It may be profitable for us to note in this opening year of a new century some of the lines in which our schools are doing better work than they were eight years ago. In reading the pupil is introduced at first, not to a series of meaningless letters, or words alone, but to sentences which express thoughts of his own, suggested oftentimes by some object in his hand or a beautiful picture in his book. He is given stories to read in prose and poetry from the best literature, which begin to shape his taste for things worth reading. The pencil and brush of the artist combine with the thought of the poet to introduce him to the beautiful in story and song. The number and variety of text books keep up the interest and give the pupils knowledge of the style of different authors. This is especially true as the pupils reach the upper grades.

In grammar the technical part has been pushed forward to the eighth and ninth grades, while the earlier years are devoted to training the pupils in correct use of language, both oral and written. The matter and form of letter writing is given early attention and continued with a large variety of other written work throughout the course. In the study of grammar—parts of speech, modifications, uses, etc.,—much attention is given to the analysis and style of authors, as shown in the study of continuous selections, rather than brief sentences. In short, the work in reading and grammar is combined with reference to giving shape to the pupils' future reading and literary style.

Arithmetic which was formerly considered the "be-all and end-all" of a school course, still occupies a large share of time, but many of the subjects once thought essential, have given place to more practical themes. Alligation, progressions, cube root and kindred subjects have no place in the school course. The children are introduced to fractions, denominate numbers and percentage in a practical way very early in their arithmetic work, and this practice is kept up with larger examples and more extended application throughout the course. Accuracy and rapidity in practical business arithmetic is the aim of our training. No time is given to puzzling problems.

Geography no longer consists in learning pages of definitions and the location of hundreds of towns and villages, lakes and rivers all up and down the map of the world; but the child begins the study of what he sees in his own town and neighborhood, and in this way geography becomes a live thing to him. He is thus prepared by aid of his imagination, and the abundance of pictures and illustrations which occupy so large a place in modern text books, to visit other children in other parts of the world and study their surroundings. Finally, he learns that this peculiar environment of hill and valley, land and sea, heat and cold, have had to do in the location and development of states, cities and peoples.

Closely allied with this knowlegde comes his study of history. The wise teacher keeps them side by side. The Hudson river, the Potomac, the James, the Mississippi, the Alleghany mountains, the Shenandoah valley have had much to do in making the history of this country. On the other hand, history has made Jerusalem, Rome, Waterloo, Saratoga and Gettysburg important places in the study of geography. The event of last month, of so large importance in history, has taught thousands of children in the schools and parents in the homes what they never before cared to know, the location of the Isle of Wight. History should not be a study of dates and details, but of the life of a people as shown in the lives of its soldiers, its states-

men, its orators, its poets, its real citizenship. The Gettysburg address, Barbara Frietchie, Paul Revere's Ride and the ride of Marcus Whitman are large lessons for the youth of America.

It is charged today that the children cannot spell as well as the fathers. It may be that the "old folks could spell down the young ones" in an old time spelling match, but in a written test of the words in common use today I think the children would lead the parents in the result.

In penmanship the clear readable lines which the children of the first and second grades can write in vertical hand are in beautiful contrast with the "hand-write" of the earlier time. The objection is made that the vertical cannot be written as rapidly as the old slant writing. Suppose this were true, which we do not admit, when it comes to reading the written work the vertical is a long distance in the lead. It was a happy day for the children who learn to write and for those who have to read written work, when vertical writing was introduced into our schools.

The above includes the old curriculum of studies, but the course of today has been "enriched" by the addition of drawing and nature study. The aim in nature study is not so much to teach the children facts, as to train them to see the beautiful things in the world about them, and learn the lessons which "Nature, the dear old nurse," would teach them. Led by an enthusiastic teacher, they follow, in the school-room and out of doors, the changing of the tadpole to the frog, of the caterpillar to the butterfly; and learn with object in hand the name, home and grouping of the flowers in the field, and with trained vision pursue the birds of the air to discover their delicate touches of color, and their habits of travel, of feeding and of nesting.

The results obtained in drawing are quite different. Many of our teachers have had no training or experience in drawing, and their lack of knowledge and enthusiasm stands in the way of successful work on the part of the children. On the other hand, a good number of the teachers have taken special pains to learn from books, other teachers and their

own experience, so that they succeed in awakening an interest that is a guaranty of creditable results. Could we have a special teacher it would put the teaching of drawing on a systematic, practical basis which would prove very helpful to teacher and pupil alike. But such a thing is impracticable while our schools are so small and so scattered.

TEACHERS. There is an increasing demand for trained and experienced teachers and the supply is not equal to the demand. It is not easy to measure the difference to a child just beginning his education, between a teacher who has made a study of children and teaching, and one who has not. The whole school life may be warped by the mistakes made by the inexperienced teachers who taught him in his early years. On the other hand, schools suffer many times because experienced and trained teachers think they know all about teaching, and hence do not need to read and study. This is the kind of teachers who become old fogies, even while they are young. On account of the large number of small schools in this town we suffer most from those who are without experience.

I think anyone, who would carefully consider the condition of the schools in this town, would feel the necessity of consolidation. And yet any effort to close one of the schools and transport the children to another is met with strong opposition. Let me give a few facts. In the five schools in the east part of the town there has been an average membership for the past two terms of 7.6 and the average attendance in the same schools has been 6.6. In the Churchill school during the fall the average membership was 8½. Some large boys have attended this winter, so that it has been better. In schools of this size but little interest or enthusiasm can be aroused on the part of teacher or pupil. Whereas if the schools could be "doubled up", or the children carried to another school the stimulus which comes from a healthful rivalry would be felt and the results be very much better for pupil and teacher.

I have put the increased value to the children as the highest reason for consolidation. In addition to this, in

most cases, the cost of transporting the children would be less than the cost of running the school. An effort was made in the summer to close the Bardwell school, but the town of Shelburne furnishes one half the pupils in that school. They proposed to pay one half the expense of maintaining the school and it was continued. It may be thought best to continue this arrangement. But some of the other schools should be closed, and I suggest the Miller, the Brick and the Churchill.

I have in previous years called attention to the amount of absences and tardiness in our schools. It has been such a serious hindrance this year to their best interests and success, that I feel obliged to speak earnestly of this matter again. I think the fault has been in most cases with the parents, who have kept their children out on some little excuse, or taking no pains to see that they were prompt in attendance. In this way the whole school is made to suffer from the annoyance of children coming in late, or the hindrance to classes, caused by the absent ones being behind in their work when they return to school.

I have taken the following facts from the registers, including only the fall and winter terms of this year.

	No. Pupils.	Days of Absence.	Cases of Tardiness.
Foundry Grammer,	25	277	258
Foundry Primary,	28	296	377
Miller,	8	213	168
Four Corners,	9	161	44

In the two Foundry schools during the fall term there were 319 days of absence and 490 cases of tardiness. In one family of four children there were 121 cases of tardiness that term; in another of four children, 103 cases.

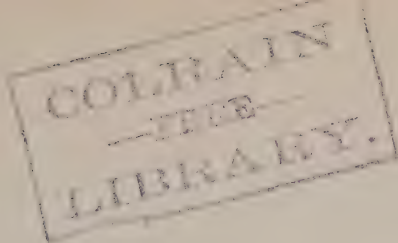
It is no pleasant matter to bring the law to bear in such cases, and yet for the protection of our schools and in justice to those who are prompt and regular in their attendance, it ought to be done.

The cordial support and kind consideration of committee and teachers has been appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES P. HALL, Superintendent.

Shelburne Falls, Feb. 12, 1901.



Truant Officers' Report.

MR. C. P. HALL, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS :

I hereby submit the following report as Truant Officer of Colrain, for the year 1900-1901.

Number of cases investigated,	14
Number of truants,	2
Number kept out by parents,	12
All were returned to school.	

C. WEBSTER SMITH, Truant Officer.

January 30, 1901.

MR. C. P. HALL, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS :

I hereby submit the following report as Truant Officer of Colrain for the year 1900-1901.

Number cases investigated,	16
Number kept out by parents,	16
All except two returned to school.	

Yours truly,

JOHN C. THOMPSON, Truant Officer.

Statistical Table.*

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Terms.	Wages per Month.	Whole Number		Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance.	Days of Absence.	Cases of Tardiness.	Cases of Dismissal.
				Boys	Girls						
Adamsville.	{ Helen A. Peterson.	2	\$30 00	18	6	18.8	17.3	92.0	204	14	19
Bardwell,	{ Grace A. Buntington.	1	30 00								
	{ Bertha M. Browning.	1	24 00								
	{ Alta J. Carpenter.	2	24 00	5	5	8.3	7.9	95.3	57	0	0
Brick.	{ Hattie M. Clary.	1	28 00								
	{ Maude V. Elmer.	1	24 00	7	5	8.5	7.4	87.2	199	101	6
Center.	{ Florence M. Lyman.	2	32 00	12	10	21.0	18.3	87.1	450	34	27
Christian Hill.	{ Alice M. Thompson.	3	28 00	10	8	15.4	14.0	91.6	182	19	6
Churchill.	{ Clara C. Maxam.	1	24 00	10	5	9.3	8.5	91.4	115	58	1
	{ Mabel C. Johnson.	2	24 00								
Elm Grove.	{ Mary A. Sherman.	3	28 00	14	8	16.8	16.3	96.9	89	20	7
Foundry Grammar.	{ Mary A. Richards.	3	32 00	8	17	21.3	19.0	89.3	348	162	78
Foundry Primary.	{ Gertrude Mowry.	3	30 00	18	14	27.1	24.0	89.0	469	227	8
	{ Maude Bassett.	2	24 00	9	9	13.0	10.2	78.4	406	108	21
Four Corners.	{ Elsie Matteson.	1	24 00								
	{ Florence M. Baker.	3	28 00	17	11	23.3	21.3	91.6	256	33	18
Griswoldville Gram.	{ May S. Chapman.	3	26 00	10	16	21.6	19.7	91.4	407	135	28
Griswoldville Prim.	{ Ethel L. Pickett.	1	24 00	1	2	7.4	5.0	68.0	71	4	10
Miller.	{ Maude M. Purrington.	3	32 00	20	21	41.1	38.8	94.3	375	147	6
Shattuckville.	{ Jennie M. Read.	2	24 00	8	3	8.2	7.4	90.7	103	127	12
South.	{ Marie Purrington.	2	28 00								
	{ Marie Purrington.	1	28 00	9	8	13.9	12.3	89.3	275	73	11
Wilson Hill.	{ Jennie I. Gurney.	1	28 00								
Totals.				176	148	275.0	247.4	90.0	4006	1262	258

*For the year ending June, 1900.

Financial Statement.

RESOURCES.

Town appropriation for schools,	\$3,465 00	
Town appropriation for transportation,	425 00	
Town appropriation for superintendent of schools,	360 00	
Received from Mass. school fund,	504 78	
Received from state rebate on account superintendent,	260 00	
Received from state for tuition of state wards,	126 50	
Received from the dog fund,	56 65	
Received from Shelburne for tuition,	108 06	
		————— \$5,305 99

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for teachers' salaries,	\$3,745 50	
Paid for transportation,	293 60	
Paid for supplies,	348 68	
Paid for repairs,	156 96	
Paid for high school tuition,	207 75	
Paid for grammar school tuition,	10 00	
Paid for cleaning and care of school rooms,	95 53	
Paid for fuel,	160 20	
Paid for freight, postage, etc.,	16 89	
Paid for preparing census list, C. P. Hall,	2 00	
Paid for book case,	2 75	
Paid for use Memorial hall, teachers institute.	5 00	
Paid C. P. Hall, supply agent,	1 80	
		————— \$5,046 66

TRUANT OFFICERS.

Paid John C. Thompson,	\$8 00
Paid C. Webster Smith,	7 00

TOTALS.

Resources,	\$5,305 99
Expenditures,	5,046 66
Amount unexpended,	\$259 33

W. H. DONELSON, }
 C. L. DONELSON, } School
 J. E. DAVENPORT, } Committee
 of Colrain.

EXPENDITURES.

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Paid D. C. Heath & Co.,	\$19 25	
Paid Carter, Rice & Co.,	12 00	
Paid Ginn & Co.,	45 66	
Paid Holden Book Cover Co.,	15 15	
Paid Edward E. Babb & Co.,	33 00	
Paid J. L. Hammett & Co.,	67 71	
Paid American Book Co.,	4 04	
Paid Silver Burdett & Co.,	36 47	
Paid Maynard Merrill & Co.,	4 00	
Paid Thomas R. Shewell & Co.,	24 35	
Paid H. Newell & Co.,	5 75	
Paid Town of Buckland,	6 69	
		\$274 07
	CR.	
Recd. from town of Shelburne,		\$2 06
		\$272 01

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following pupils have not been absent, tardy or dismissed during the number of terms mentioned.

EIGHT TERMS.

Lelia Smead.

SIX TERMS.

Earl Smead,

Marion Donelson.

FOUR TERMS.

George Thompson.

THREE TERMS.

Frank Richards.

TWO TERMS.

William Coutre,
 Guy Miner,
 Leo Miner,
 Russell Nichols,
 Leo Parker,
 Willie Peltier,
 Walter Richards.

Flora Bell,
 Pearl Kendrick,
 Estella LaPlante,
 Mabel McCloud,
 Eva Rabidean,
 Blanche Reed,
 Malah Russell,
 Mary Sessler,
 Mable Thompson,
 Inez Wood,

ONE TERM.

William Ariel,
 Henry Balyle,
 Warren Brigham,
 Milton Brown,
 Walter Brown,
 Wilfred Carpenter,
 Leon Carr,
 Edwin Clement,
 Harvey Copeland,
 Alonzo Crosier,
 Milton Davenport,
 Leon Dennison,
 Elwin Johnson,
 Jesse Joy,
 Ellsworth Kemp,
 Rudolph Luscher
 Lewis Martin,
 Roy Martin,
 Arthur Miller,
 Peter Patneau,
 Leo Rabidean,
 John Schneck,
 Roy Smead,
 Raymond Starkey,
 Paul Terry,
 Frank Wolfram.

Lura Bell,
 Clara Coombs,
 Lefa Crosier,
 Maud Day,
 Gladys Dennison,
 Isabel Fisk,
 Mina Hillman,
 Belle Howard,
 Ruth King,
 Florence McClellan,
 Carrie McGee,
 Helen McGee,
 Dora Miller,
 Ida Norton,
 Julia Purrington,
 Hattie Richards,
 Louisa Sessler,
 Mildred Starkey,
 Dorothy Warner,
 Martiel Warner,
 Jennie Wolfram,
 Ethel Wood,
 Goldie Wood,
 Mildred Wood,
 Olive Wood.

Report of Library Trustees.

Received from treasurer,	\$150 00
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for purchase of books,	\$50 01	
postage, express, etc.,	2 00	
book case,	8 50	
librarian's salary,	50 00	
rent of library, 1899,	25 00	135 51

Cash on hand February 23, 1901,	\$ 14 49
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Number of volumes in library Feb. 17, 1900,	1359
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Number of volumes added by purchase,	48
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Number of volumes added by contribution,	56
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Number of volumes in library Feb. 23, 1901,	1463
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Number of volumes loaned from library,	1263
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Number of volumes loaned from Christian Hall branch,	348
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We recommend that \$50.00 be appropriated this year for rental and salary of librarian and \$25.00 for purchase of books.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. DONELSON,	} Library
C. L. DONELSON,	
J. E. DAVENPORT,	
	Trustees.

Colrain Free Library

ANNUAL REPORT

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Town of
Colrain for the Year Ending Feb. 18th, 1902.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand February 22, 1901,	\$ 223 45
Temporary loan,	2,500 00
H. F. Purrington, butcher's license,	1 00
P. Looman, butcher's license,	1 00
State Treasurer on account Superintendent of Schools,	260 00
State Treasurer on account inspection of animals,	48 38
State Treasurer on account education state children,	88 50
State Treasurer on account state highways,	1,430 15
State Treasurer on account corporation tax,	421 40
State Treasurer on account national bank tax,	194 42
State Treasurer on account state aid, Chapter 374, Acts 1899,	498 00
State Treasurer on account burial of indigent soldiers,	33 00
State Treasurer on account Massachusetts school fund,	917 44
District Court of Franklin on account of fines,	25 00
Shelburne Falls National Bank, loan due April 6,	1,000 00
Griswoldville Mfg. Co. for brick,	37 59
Griswoldville Mfg. Co. on account Griswoldville school house,	45 00

H M. Puffer on account Abel Dutton,	\$79 00
County Treasurer, dog money re-	
funded,	77 23
Town of Shelburne, account Bardwell	
school,	108 00
Robert Merrifield, account error in	
order,	1 00
H. A. Howard, account, jackscrew,	2 87
A. H. Temple, collector, tax of 1901,	12,709 18
	\$20,701 61

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Assessors, abatements of 1901,	\$ 50 60
Paid Selectmen's orders,	20,319 40
Cash on hand,	331 61
	\$20,701 61

Town's Indebtedness.

Seven notes of \$1,000, due annually	
January 1st,	\$7,000 00
State road note of	1,500 00
Note due Shelburne Falls National	
Bank,	1,000 00
	\$9,500 00

R. C. HILLMAN, Treasurer.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

R. C. HILLMAN, TOWN CLERK,
In Account with the Town of Colrain, 1901-1902.

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To cash received from 54 licenses male	
dogs,	\$108 00

To cash received from 6 licenses female dogs,	\$30 00	
		CR.
By cash paid County Treasurer,		\$126 00
By clerk's fees,		12 00
	\$138 00	\$138 00

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have this day examined the books and accounts of the Treasurer for the past year and find them correct, and balance in treasury at the closing of the books, \$331.61.

H. O. SCOTT, Auditor.

Colrain, February 18, 1902.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS:

We herewith present for your consideration the report of our stewardship :

We have slightly overdrawn the appropriations in some departments, but have endeavored to keep as near the appropriations as possible. We have had very many calls for relief, which were unexpected and which we were in duty bound to respond to, and consequently have overdrawn this department more than any other, but we have due from other towns for relief rendered amounting to \$178 14, leaving a balance above the appropriation of \$101.73. We borrowed no money in the construction of the State road, but used money on hand until the State payments were due, and also the Iron bridge work, but in the final settlement we were obliged to borrow one thousand dollars to meet the demands against the town, which loan is at the Shelburne Falls National Bank. The following tables show the expenditures :

Highways and Bridges.

John D. Gilchrist,	\$2 48	Arthur L. Fish,	\$10 20
Geo. W. Warner,	96 60	Carroll Davenport,	18 00
A. A. Smith,	16 35	Walter Barnes,	6 30
F. L. Kendrick,	73 60	Lewis Chevalier,	1 65
F. L. Kendrick,		L. B. Stewart,	3 00
lumber,	67 75	R. E. Martin,	26 50
J. B. Clark & Son,	42 80	M. L. Thompson,	10 95
W. W. Cressy,	1 80	Wayne Hillman,	29 17
J. W. Purrington,	7 00	Arthur Carpenter,	1 50
Walter Kelly,	6 49	J. A. Dwight,	16 50
Mrs. A. M. Gunn,	6 60	G. A. Thompson,	9 90
F. E. Cromack, land		Orson Call,	6 90
damage,	50 00	W. M. Stacy,	15 16
Mrs. F. B. Shippee,	4 80	C. B. Miner,	16 50
Rudolph Herzig,	47 00	M. S. Harris,	27 65
J. F. McClellan,	2 33	John N. Miner,	14 50
F. L. Shearer,	4 95	Geo. McClellan,	3 00
Samuel Clement,	6 67	Wm. H. Bardwell,	50 10
James H. Palmer,	1 20	F. L. Purrington,	5 55
Albert Herzig,	18 25	R. M. Coombs,	9 60
Fred Schechterlee,	6 08	Amos Stewart,	26 22
O. H. Taylor,	3 00	A. L. Hinsdale,	2 25
James H. Carr,	7 50	W. S. Allard,	8 00
J. W. Burrington,	9 45	O. R. Fairbanks,	11 55
Harry Gilderdale,	5 55	E. B. Smith,	1 50
George H. Phillips,	3 60	Geo. W. Cary,	15 56
O. H. Taylor.	6 00	Stewart & Root,	9 82
F. S. Upton,	4 50	J. M. Shearer,	29 15
O. B. Kendrick,	2 00	J. E. Shearer,	3 00
Frank Stanton,	1 50	Edgar Kendrick,	4 25
C. F. White,	15 00	E. F. Copeland,	49 88
Ozro Thompson,	12 00	E. S. Auger,	10 05

F. E. Cromack, build- ing new road,	\$91 60	W. H. Kemp,	\$1 50
Coombs Bros.,	7 20	W. R. Bridges,	41 75
H. B. Gilderdale,	4 95	J. P. Sturtevant,	10 30
F. L. Kendrick,	120 37	C. L. Donelson,	23 10
C. Webster Smith,	1 20	Geo. H. Nelson,	17 25
James Looman,	5 75	Geo. Pierce,	7 80
J. D. Noyes,	3 00	Walter H. Kemp,	3 10
E. P. Booth,	4 59	Wm. Sessler,	3 08
Avery Bros.,	15 60	Mrs. Mary Nelson,	7 58
H. B. Miller,	3 90	E. B. Stewart,	8 15
G. A. Thompson,	2 85	F. W. Purrington,	75
F. L. Purrington,	75	Mrs. Mary A. Nelson,	5 40
C. J. Moore,	13 10	C. B. Dennison & Son,	64 66
Merrifield Bros.,	25 95	Geo. W. Cary,	1 42
Avery Bros.,	39 50	D. W. Nelson,	1 10
C. W. Hillman,	19 65	Geo. R. Purrington,	5 10
J. B. Cromack & Son,	19 65	Chester W. Smith,	26 55
G. A. Thompson,	2 70	W. H. Donelson,	24 00
Samuel Wood,	4 80	Joseph Guyot,	1 80
Geo. H. Fisk, lumber,	10 19	Melvin Crosier,	5 62
Frank Brigham,	4 20	Chas. W. Smith,	8 75
J. L. Clark,	3 90	S. N. Day,	2 95
Jas. A. Galvin,	38 70	Thomas Smead,	8 05
C. W. Maxam,	10 50	M. M. Johnson,	6 52
D. H. Brown,	1 05	Horace Kemp,	26 15
J. E. Bowen,	9 00	J. A. Galvin,	24 13
Geo. O. Dunnell,	30 22	H. J. Smith,	38 55
Henry Ariel,	1 25	George Matterson,	1 20
E. R. Cobb,	19 95	E. C. Smith,	50
O. M. Brown,	40 55	George W. Warner,	42 95
Geo. Roberts,	3 15	E. B. Stewart,	3 85
H. A. Howard,	21 84	Fred Reil,	2 33
H. R. Donelson,	15 00	Harry Bell,	2 03
		S. N. Day,	5 85

C. W. Hillman,	\$3 30	Christian Finck,	\$3 25
Levi O. Davenport,	17 10	John N. Miner,	3 00
F. A. Dunnell,	17 55	H. A. Howard,	28 94
Avery Bros.,	5 83	T. R. Shearer,	3 60
Stetson Bros.,	21 15	H. S. Browning,	31 46
M. O. Nichols,	26 33	O. D. Kemp,	3 00
Eli J. Burrington,	7 45	W. W. Cressey,	1 05
Frank Galipault,	16 04	Smith & Hillman,	7 65
Joel Clark,	3 60	Harry Bell,	6 00
Joseph Lively,	10 50	C. L. Donelson,	1 02
E. W. Clark,	22 80	A. O. Davenport,	2 85
C. H. Cromack,	5 10	F. A. Walden,	1 50
Fred Mauorie,	3 00	R. E. Martin,	35
Electric road,	1 75	Merrifield Brothers,	25 05
F. W. Jeffords,	5 62	W. H. Apt,	14 40
H. C. Cromack,	9 30	George P. Warner,	1 50
H. F. Purrington,	29 66	J. B. Clark & Son,	42 32
J. P. Sherman,	11 40	Harris & Miner,	75
F. S. Fairbanks,	13 45	R. C. Porter,	2 49
Good Roads Machine-		C. J. Moore,	1 50
ry Co.,	2 75	F. L. Kendrick,	9 28
J. A. Richmond &		F. E. Cromack,	6 50
Sons,	30 06	George H. Nelson,	1 00
C. A. Marey,	32 26	John D. Gilchrist,	2 03
E. T. Cutting,	17 25	S. E. Temple,	13 17
C. M. Fairbanks,	3 75	Earnest Davenport,	3 75
D. M. Pierce,	3 10	Robert Miller,	21 05
A. O. Nelson,	17 35	Pat Lamourie,	8 85
F. A. Brown,	6 37	C. J. Russell,	60
Michael Looman,	8 80	Elias Bardwell,	11 10
Chas. Roberts,	20 25	Frank Thompson,	3 00

\$2,652 02

Paid for Breaking Roads.

Efford Underwood,	\$2 63	Wayne Hillman,	\$8 48
James Carr,	7 35	G. R. Purrington,	3 00
Albert Herzig,	3 45	C. W. Smith,	4 80
Arthur Fish,	4 50	W. H. Donelson,	1 80
G. R. Purrington,	90	F. E. Cromack,	90
Albert Herzig,	3 30	H. S. Browning,	1 50
James Palmer,	2 10	O. D. Kemp,	1 20
O. D. Kemp,	2 47		

 \$46 38

Removing ice from Green River road, \$23 55

Incidentals.

Walden & Crawley,	\$28 50	F. J. Canedy,	\$2 25
Clapp & Abercrombie,	17 14	W. H. Kemp,	40
J. F. Temple,	4 00	C. L. Donelson,	5 30
H. A. Howard,	1 00	Forrest L. Stetson,	3 75
John D. Miller,	10 50	J. W. Cram, M. D.,	3 00
A. A. Smith,	40	Merrifield Bros.,	4 40
Griswoldville Mfg. Co.,	1 50	Patrick Lamouier,	38
E. A. Hall & Son,	3 00	J. E. Davenport,	10
Clapp & Abercrombie,	18 31	C. J. Russell,	2 00
Austin Peters,	3 50	Perry F. Crafts,	11 21
J. L. Fairbanks,	4 15	J. F. Temple,	2 25
C. J. Moore,	30	F. J. Canedy,	25
H. A. Howard,	5 45	Smith & Hillman,	7 92
C. A. Marey,	50	R. L. Merrifield,	5 00
Harris Dolbeare,	3 55	A. H. Temple,	2 25
E. A. Hall & Co.,	3 44		

 \$155 70

Paid for Support of Poor.

William E. and Frank E. Southworth:—

George W. Warner, \$410 15

Dr. J. W. Cram, medical at-
tendance, 10 50

Smith & Hillman, 17 03

\$437 68

Oscar E. Call:—

Charles Wolfram, \$56 41

E. C. Smith & Son, 45 93

102 34

Carrel Vincent:—

F. M. Thompson, \$268 28

Dr. J. W. Cram, medical at-
tendance, 2 50

Smith & Hillman, 45

271 23

Rachael Jeffords:—

Lewis F. Babbitt, treasurer, 169 46

Mrs. Henry Miller:—

Dr. J. W. Cram, medical at-
tendance, \$12 75

E. C. Smith & Son, 12 81

George W. Warner, 6 00

31 56

Mrs. Frank Hall and family:—

E. C. Smith & Son, 15 00

Mrs. H. M. Underwood:—

Dr. J. W. Cram, medical attendance, 2 00

Dr. J. W. Cram, 16 vaccinations, 8 00

Ralph Woodard:—		
City of Boston,	\$18 00	
Orrie D. Wallace:—		
Town of Greenfield,	25 00	
Mrs. Francis H. Thompson and family:—		
Town of Foxborough,	17 14	
C. J. Russell, keeping tramp,	1 25	
On account of Mrs. Peter La Chapelle,	4 00	
On account of Frank Hunkler,	5 14	
On account of George Hugh:—		
Smith & Hillman,	5 00	
On account of Mrs. Patnode:—		
Griswoldville Mfg. Co.,	\$17 28	
George W. Warner,	3 50	
Smith & Hillman,	97 53	
H. F. Purrington,	38 76	
Dr. Cram, medical attendance,	10 00	
	167 07	
		\$1,279 87
State aid,		\$496 00
Town seal,		37 50

TOWN OFFICERS.

C. Webster Smith, inspector,	\$ 1 50
J. D. Gilchrist, inspector,	12 00
J. B. Clark, hearse-man,	18 75
J. D. Gilchrist, inspector,	36 75
F. Q. Shippee, constable,	4 00

C. Webster Smith, inspector,	\$52 25
J. D. Gilchrist, inspector,	35 25
H. R. Donelson, sexton,	6 00
F. S. Field, registrar,	6 00
R. M. Coombs, ballot clerk,	2 00
W. H. Kemp, assessor,	35 00
F. W. Purrington,	16 00
W. H. Donelson, registrar,	6 00
F. A. Dunnell, assessor,	35 00
M. M. Johnson, sexton,	4 00
Dr. J. W. Cram, clerk board of health,	33 00
J. B. Clark, hearse-man,	4 00
J. E. Davenport, assessor,	42 50
“ school committee,	22 50
“ clerk school board,	10 00
“ election officer,	4 00
“ town seal,	2 00
F. E. Cromack, school committee,	20 00
Elias Bardwell, registrar,	8 00
George N. Kelley, ballot clerk,	4 00
E. W. Coombs, school committee,	17 50
H. A. Howard, selectman and board of health,	65 25
J. C. Thompson, constable,	6 00
R. C. Hillman, clerk and treasurer,	75 00
R. C. Hillman, clerk board of registration,	10 00
R. C. Hillman, recording births, deaths and marriages,	24 60
C. L. Donelson, selectman and board of health,	60 00
R. L. Merrifield, selectman and board of health,	50 00
C. Webster Smith,	6 50

H. O. Scott, auditor,	\$10 00	
A. H. Temple, collector,	125 00	
		\$870 35

County tax,	\$1,511 34	
State tax,	402 50	
Memorial Day,	50 00	
Superintendent of Schools,	315 00	

Town Debt and Interest.

Paid town debt,	\$1,700 00	
Paid interest,	477 87	
		\$2,177 87

Old bills,	\$ 120 98	
State road,	1,709 41	
State bridge,	308 62	
Repairs on state road,	54 00	

Resources of the Town.

Due from state on account of state aid fund,	\$496 00	
Due from town of West Boylston on account of poor,	164 76	
Due from town of Conway on account of poor,	9 14	
Due from town of Greenfield on account of poor,	5 00	
Due from Christian Fink for brick,	4 25	
Due from state on account of inspection of animals,	35 62	
		\$714 77

Recapitulation.

Amount Appropriated.		Amount Expended.
\$2,500 00	Highways and bridges,	\$2,510 42
175 00	New road near F. E. Cromack's,	141 60
1,000 00	Support of poor,	1,279 87
200 00	Incidentals,	155 70
600 00	State aid,	496 00
800 00	Town officers,	870 35
45 00	Town seal,	37 50
1,500 00	County tax,	1,511 34
360 00	State tax,	402 50
125 00	Free library and Librarian's salary,	122 21
50 00	Memorial Day,	50 00
360 00	Superintendent of Schools,	315 00
4,140 00	Schools and transportation,	5,439 56
2,300 00	Town debt and interest,	2,177 87
300 00	Old bills,	120 98
	Breaking roads,	46 38
	Removing ice from Green River road,	23 55
	State road,	1,709 41
	State bridge,	308 62
	Repairs on state highway,	54 00
	Temporary loan,	2,500 00
		\$20,272 86

Inventory of Tools at Crusher Plant.

Ore crusher, elevator, and two screens.
 One electric motor.
 2 dozen shovels.
 6 steel bars.
 12 wheel-barrows.

18 picks, etc.
 1 road machine.
 1 seal for weights and measures.
 1 book-case.
 Two safes.
 1 derrick.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. HOWARD, } Selectmen
 C. L. DONELSON, } of
 R. L. MERRIFIELD, } Colrain.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT.

COMPLETE DIST ON TAXABLE PROPERTY MAY 1, 1901.

Personal. Real.			Personal. Real.		
Avery Bros.,	\$676	\$3100	Apt, W. H.	\$772	
Allard, W. S.	200	1730	Apt, Helen M.		\$2200
Alexander, E. S.	372	1390	Ariel, H. E.	30	600
Auger, E.	75	500	Aurnig, Jos.	30	
Brown, F. L.	1,121	1335	Brigham, L. L. &		
Bardwell, W. H.	583	2275	Son,	715	1375
Booth, E. P.	113	1000	Bell, Harry		500
Bell, Mrs. J. A.	80	525	Bell, Ida	84	
Bell Walter, heirs		150	Bridges, Will R.	564	1550
Brown, D. H.	55	570	Bushey, Henry		540
Burrington,			Bullock, A. R.		425
A. L.	154	850	Brown, O. N.	628	3100
Burrington, J. W.	40	800	Bushey, Joseph		450
Bowen John E.	374	1000	Barnes, W. E.	280	900
Browning, H. S.	601	2475	Booth, Nora E.		600
Bardwell, Elias	201	1700	Bowen, H. D.	25	
Burrington, Eli J.		962	Bardwell, Baxter	50	
Brigham, C. L.	334	2300	Boyle, Moses	50	
Baptist Society 1st		1000	Brown, F. A.	1000	

Personal. Real.		Personal. Real.	
Burrington, W. E.	\$75	Bennett, Joseph	\$49 \$275
Buck, Addie S.	250	Bayle, Jovid	30
Booth, Nancy J.	1050		
Crosier, M. B.	230 800	Copeland, E. F.	1535 3000
Coombs, Bros.,	1639 4250	Cromack, J. B.	
Cromack, H. C.	490 1800	& Son,	1062 3250
Carpenter, J. W.	609 1800	Cary, Amos	25
Congregational		Coombs, E. W.	1210
Society,	1000	Coombs, R. M.	830 3800
Carr, J. H.	170 335	Carpenter, Julia N.	800
Carpenter, C. L.		Cutting, E. T.	332 2000
estate	260	Carpenter, C. N.	50 2000
Cobb, Mrs. Sarah C.	400	Curtis, Sarah J.	1500
Cobb, E. R.	330 20	Clark, Fidelia	550
Cary, G. W.	671 1800	Curtis, J. H.	450
Churchill,		Clark, E. W. &	
Mrs. H. S.	30	Olive Fisher,	491 934
Call, Orson	212 875	Cram, J. W.	200 2600
Call, Hannah N.	269 750	Cromack, F. E.	391 1180
Call, C. H.	25	Call, B. L.	207 1900
Call, O. E.	350	Cowing, E. E.	50 350
Clark, Joel L.	252 800	Chevillier, Louis	187 1100
Cary, W. W.	100 1925	Collis, Matt	75 375
Cary, W. W. &		Cole, J. W.	1000
Son,	780 2050	Cressy, W. W.	300 165
Clark, J. B. & Son,	594 1700	Cromack, C. H.	105 825
Clark, John L.	286 1800	Coburn, Noah	25
Cary, Daniel	55 360		
Davenport, S. G.	425	Donelson, H. R.	500 2750
Davenport,		Donelson, C. L.	1003 3500
John E.	352 950	Dennison, C. B.	
Davenport, C. E.	519 2600	& Son,	305 1500

Personal. Real.				Personal. Real.			
Davenport, A. O.	\$368	\$1225		Donelson, W. H.	\$294	\$900	
Davenport,				Dennison &			
Jonathan E.	675	3200		Smith,	4200		
Davenport, Levi	60	200		Danton, L. E.	227	750	
Davenport, E. L.	195	1460		Darling, W. W.	475	2400	
Dunnell, F. A.	465	1850		Dexter, Hoyt		1375	
Dunnell, G. O.	514	1325		Day, Samuel	95	775	
Dewey, H. W.		675		Dobias, John		350	
Dewey, D. T.		800		Dwight, H. A.	625		
Dwight, J. A.	465	1850		Dupeneault, Eli	60		
Fairbanks, F. S.	321	500		Fink, Christian,	314	1305	
Fairbanks, C. M.	400	1090		Fink, Fred	104	560	
Fairbanks, O. R.	308	1100		Fish, A., & N.			
Fairbanks, Bros.,		275		Nichols,	455	400	
Fairbanks, L. W.	85	1000		Faulkner, D. S.	50		
Field, F. S.	120						
Galvin, J. A.	1013	3450		Galipault, Frank	238	850	
Gunn, Mrs. A. M.	635	2825		Gilderdall, H. B.	80		
Green, G. P.	200	250		Gebo, Moses,	30		
Gilchrist, J. D.	80			Guyot Joseph	55	300	
Griswold, Lorenzo				Griswoldville Mfg.			
	4110			Co.,	57,700	47,075	
Griswold, J., heirs		300					
Hillman, C. W.	438	760		Hathaway, G. E.	50	600	
Hinsdale, A. W.	227	1400		Harris & Miner.	347	1400	
Hillman, Mina L.				Herzig, Albert	279	500	
	1000			Herzig, Rudolph	425	1400	
Hillman, Wayne	1491	1875		Hill, F. O.	105		
Harris, M S.	708	2500		Hage, L. S.	15		
Howard, H. A.				Harris, John	20		
& Son,	652	2075		Howard, H M.		700	

Personal. Real.			Personal. Real.		
Jeffords, G. R., es- tate	\$206	\$800	Johnson, S. B.	\$435	\$1500
Jeffords, F. W.	50		Joy, Mrs. H. R.	60	800
Johnson, M. M.	293	2180	Joy, I. N.	198	900
			Jurek, J.		425
Kemp, Horace	638	3180	Kendrick, F. L.	902	2175
Kemp, O. D.	434	1100	Kendrick, Edgar	387	1040
Kemp, W. H.	676	2050	Kelly, Walter.	65	950
Kendrick, O. B.	180	1660			
Looman, M.	265	1100	Lamoreau, Nelson	30	625
Looman, Thomas		150	Lusty, David & Son	238	1100
Looman, P.	150	410	Lapierre, C.	100	
Looman, J. R.	172	900	Lavalley, J.	30	
Lively, Joseph	595	2900	Levitt, M. A.	100	
LeClair, Mrs. M.	112	1050			
Mattison, G. E.	305	950	Marcy, C. A.	2125	4065
McGee, C. C.	100		Martin, William	147	1200
McGee, Emily C.		750	Miner & White,	641	1450
Moore, L. B. & Son	209	1325	Morley, Lizzie		345
Martin, R. E.	262	1320	Miller, H. B.	280	2175
Meacham, H. S.	320		Miner, J. N.	547	1510
McClellan, J. F.	590	2725	McClellan, G. E.	184	1100
McCord, F. A.	235	975	Miller, Robert	60	585
Maxam, C. W.			Methodist Society		1000
and Mother,	162	1115	Miner, Mrs. J. C.	65	400
Merrifield, Broth- ers,	1325	2400	Miller, B. F.	50	
McGee, C. W.	242	850	Morarie A.		125
			Massaemet Yarn		
			Mills,	11,800	15,190
Nelson, A. O.	387	1350	Nelson, Mary	315	1600
Noyes, J. D.	365	3300	Nichols, N. O.	516	1200

Personal. Real.			Personal. Real.		
Nelson, J. D.	\$120	\$400	Nelson, Geo. H.	\$756	\$1125
Nelson, D. W.	350	1800			
O'Brien, Thomas	166	800			
Purrington, F. L.	277	1280	Parker, E. J.	80	860
Purrington,			Phillips, G. H.		625
F. W.	1600	4450	Purinton, G. R.	839	2750
Purrington, H. F.	560	2100	Purrington, Mr.		
Pierce, D. M.	192	1350	Fremont,		450
Purrington, N. H.	551	1650	Purrington,		
Pierce, G. L.	694	2500	Ross E.	100	
Pike, Maria		350	Purinton, J. M.	25	
Peterson, H. M.	165	3000	Pickles, F. M.	50	
Porter, R. C.	179	625	Peters, H.	25	
Patterson, G. R.	532	1975			
Roberts Brothers	587	2500	Rugg, C. A.	129	1630
Read, E. J.		1400	Russell, Mrs.		
Russell, Mrs. G. A.		800	M. A.	1000	
Reil, Fred	359	850	Richards, Thomas	50	
Russell, C. J.	551	3000	Revoir, Peter	75	
Rugg & Purring-			Roberts, Lizzie		600
ton,		400	Rabedeaux, George	15	
Smith & Hillman,			Stewart, Amos	452	1500
	2650	1750	Shaw, Kate A.		500
Smith, Chas. W.	922	4400	Scott, H. O. and		
Smith, C. Webster,			Son	2910	3170
	107	850	Starkey, F. A.	75	500
Smith, A. A.	364	3025	Stetson Bros.,	761	2650
Smith, H. J.	744	3100	Stratton, L. W.	175	1300
Stewart, E. B.	429	2700	Shippee, Deane	75	
Stewart, L. B.	157	300	Surprise, Edward	30	

Personal. Real.			Personal. Real.		
Smith, E. B.	\$225	\$1625	Stacy R. W. & Son		
Smith, Chester W.				\$504	\$1400
	1117	4125	Shippee, F. B. and		
Smith, E. C. &			daughters,	98	467
Son,	110	1200	Sturtevant, J. P.	412	700
Smith, A. C.	500	1050	Stone, Eli	70	750
Smith, W. W.	150		Stone, Samuel	153	1400
Smith, W. D.	30		Stone, Moses	25	440
Shearer, T. C.,			Shearer, J. M.	400	975
estate		750	Shearer, J. P.	130	525
Snow, D. W.	25	50	S. F. & C. St. Ry.		
Spurr, Mrs. Antis		1395			800
Sessler, William	335	1150	Smead, Thomas	625	2450
Stewart, William			Shearer J. E.	292	
& Root,	428	2350	Schechterlee G.	60	
Thompson, F. M.			Thompson, Jane		500
& C. J.	308	2000	Tinkham, J. W.	55	1050
Thompson, D. F.	307	1200	Terry, W. R.	65	
Thompson, J. C.	125	1600	Thompson, H.	30	
Thompson,			Truesdell, Kate		
H. W.	601	2150	A.	75	
Thompson, G. A.	207	1250	Thompson, J. W.	75	
Temple, A. H. &			Thompson, M. A.	633	2200
Son	80	1310	Taylor, O. H.	205	825
Thompson, M. L.	654	2600	Thomas, A. L.	600	585
Temple, S. E.	905	3000			
Vincent, O. E.	228	1200	Vincent, C. H.		275
Vincent, Relief M.			Vincent, Ida L.	30	
		250			
Wheeler, S. N.	1239	3950	Williams, T. D.	458	1500
White, Luke	75	475	Wood, S. E.	227	800

	Personal.	Real.		Personal.	Real.
White, C. F. & Son	\$894	\$2000	Wolfram, Chas.	\$3150	
Walden, F. A	137	1000	Ware, F. L.	60	
Warner, Geo. W.	727	2225	Weed, M. S.	75	
York, H. J.	100		Yelld, Paul	200	
York, J. O.	5				

Non-Resident Tax Payers.

	Personal.	Real.		Personal.	Real.
Allen, S. & Sons,	\$425		Allen, Sylvanus	\$600	
Barber, M.		1200	Billings, Abbie		500
Balou, F.		50			
Call, Arthur		620	Clapp, J. W.		800
Conant, Sarah		950	Clouchie, Louis		325
Davenport, E. J.		200	Davenport, W. J.		30
Davenport, F. L.		150	Dennison, A. J.		50
Graves, A. D.		400	Gillett, R. W.		370
Hobart, E. D.		500	Handforth, H., estate		650
Johnson, Lewis, heirs		700	Jeffords, Charles		260
Johnson, A. L.		475			
Kinsman, W. E.		300	Kemp, W. S.		1600
Loomis, A. D.		500	Long, S. M., estate		500
Low, Ira A.	170	1800	Legate, E. H.		100
Lynde, Fannie E.		600	Leach, W.		500
Lynde Brothers,		85			

	Personal.	Real.		Personal.	Real.
Marcy, C. D. W.	\$1000		Moulton, M. C., heirs	\$850	
Newton, M. L.	100				
Purrington, M. S.			Porter, Thomas	100	
& Son,	300				
Richmond, A. A.,			Ross Gertrude A.	600	
estate,	350		Ross, R. S.	100	
Richmond, Lorenzo	350				
Shearer, T. R.	1700		Smith, Levi	1600	
Shearer, Mrs. H.			Smead Charles	75	
S.	550		Steel, G. H.	70	
Smith, E. W.	500		Smith, A. B.	75	
Thompson, Hen-			Tenny, Herman E.	200	
ry	125		Trike, Thomas	50	
Upton, Fred	75		Upton, F. S.	75	
Vanvaulkingburg, J. C.	100				
Woodward, E. G.	150		Warden, C. H.	170	375
Ware, E. B.	500				

List of Abatements on Taxes of 1901.

Levi Smith,	\$4 00	Alfred Galipault,	2 00
D. M. Pierce,	1 00	George Haugh,	2 00
J. A. Galvin,	1 00	Frank Hall,	2 00
E. F. Copeland,	3 00	Michael Kean,	2 00
O. E. Call,	7 00	John Boss,	2 00
D. W. Nelson,	2 00	A. B. Stacy,	2 00
Thomas Ashton,	2 00	Henry Gadreault,	2 00
Willie Ashton,	2 00	Henry Dunton,	2 00
Frank Bates,	2 00	E. H. Legate,	2 00
William Curtis,	2 00	J. H. Bushey,	2 00
Walter Curtis,	2 00	Joseph Lavalley,	2 60

\$50 60

Table of Aggregates.

Number Polls assessed,	451
Residents assessed on property,	320
Non-residents assessed on property,	56
Horses assessed,	440
Cows,	887
Cattle, other than cows,	950
Sheep,	956
Swine,	178
Dwelling houses,	331
Value of assessed personal estate,	\$171,546 00
Value of assessed real estate,	418,813 00
Total valuation of assessed estate,	\$590,359 00
Rate of total tax per \$1,000,	\$20 00
Total tax,	\$12,709 18
WALTER H. KEMP, JONATHAN E. DAVENPORT, FRANK A. DUNNELL,	} Assessors of Colrain.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have this day made an examination of the books of the selectmen, compared vouchers with orders given, and certify that they are correct.

H. O. SCOTT, Auditor.

COLRAIN, February 18, 1902.

BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT.

The past year has been one of general good health to the people of Colrain. There has been no epidemic of any disease of a contagious nature, except whooping cough, and no fatal case of this disease, which is sometimes fatal to very young children.

There have been only two cases of scarlet fever during the year, neither of which proved fatal.

A few weeks ago two young men from town became exposed to small pox which created some apprehension for a short time. The exposed parties were quarantined as soon as we knew of their exposure and watched until the period of incubation had passed. We were fortunate to escape an outbreak of this disease in our midst.

This incident ought to impress upon all citizens the necessity of keeping themselves and children protected from this dreaded disease by proper vaccination, particularly as the disease is prevalent in many places only a short distance from us, and all who travel are liable to exposure at any time.

HENRY A. HOWARD,	}	Board of Health.
CHARLES L. DONELSON,		
ROBERT L. MERRIFIELD,		
JOHN W. CRAM, Sec'y.		

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

— OF THE —

TOWN OF COLRAIN

—FOR THE—

YEAR 1901—1902.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 1902-3.

SPRING TERM.—Begins Monday, April 7; ends Friday, June 27, twelve weeks.

FALL TERM.—Begins Tuesday, September 2; ends Friday, November 21, twelve weeks.

WINTER TERM.—Begins Monday, December 1; ends Friday, February 20, twelve weeks.

HOLIDAYS.—Patriots' Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Christmas Day.

School Committee.

FRANK E. CROMACK, Chairman,

JONATHAN E. DAVENPORT, Secretary,

EDWIN W. COOMBS,

CHARLES P. HALL, Superintendent.

Truant Officers.

JOHN D. GILCHRIST,

C. WEBSTER SMITH.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS:

Another year has passed and we hereby submit our annual report. We may say the schools for the most part have been quite satisfactory, but we have been disappointed in some. A few of our teachers were unable to teach at the commencement of the term on account of sickness, which obliged us to secure teachers upon short notice. Some proved good teachers and labored to their own credit, others came well recommended but failed in discipline. In one of our small schools we were obliged to have five different teachers during two terms. In four other schools two teachers each for one term. We have found the usual opposition when we have tried to unite the smaller schools. Teaching of music in our public schools is being discussed, but under the present condition of things the instructors would lose more time in getting from one school to another than in the schools. So for the present we must depend upon the school teacher or omit it altogether.

It seems to your committee that the time has come for Colrain to take a step forward in regard to its school system. In 1882-3 our schools cost us \$2580, with 24 weeks of school; in 1892-3, \$4088, with 30 weeks of school; in 1901-2, \$5855, with 36 weeks of school. In 1882-3 one week of school cost \$107; in 1901-2 one week of school cost \$165; but in 1901-2 we have paid \$441 for high school tuition, which amounts to \$12 per week for 36 weeks, leaving the cost of our town schools \$153 per week, an increase of 43 per cent in the cost of running our schools, and yet, notwithstanding this increase in expenditures, we are unable to keep pace with the towns around us. Out of what seems to be a very generous appropriation for our schools we are unable to pay only about four-fifths the wages to our teachers that other towns around us are paying. This gives a very simple and

direct answer to the question so often raised, "Why do our best teachers leave us and go to other towns to teach?" Under the present condition of things the schools of Colrain are a training ground for other towns.

The remedy for this we do not believe is of a necessity in larger appropriations for our schools, but in a radically different method of running them. The method we would present for your thoughtful consideration is no new one, but one that has been tried and proved a success in other towns. The arrangement that we would present is to have one large school building with four rooms, say at Lyonsville; then one with two rooms in the north or west part of the town, and one with two rooms in the east part. Your committee know full well the difficulties of transporting scholars over these hills and valleys. The physical geography of Colrain does not make it an ideal town for such an undertaking, but we believe it possible and practicable to so arrange our schools that eight teachers could do the work of the fifteen now employed. With such an order of things we believe that the town would be able to school its children and not be behind its more favored neighbors.

The town voted one year ago to have thirty-six weeks of school, consequently only four of the schools are closed at the time of closing our report. Our financial statement is made from the orders given to this date. By a careful estimate we think that there are \$550 of unpaid bills to complete the school year. As appropriations for the coming year we would recommend:

Schools,	\$3,500 00
High School tuition,	500 00
Transportation,	800 00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RESOURCES.

Town appropriation for schools,	\$3,640 00
Town appropriation for transportation,	500 00
Received from Massachusetts school fund,	917 44
Received rebate from state on account of Superintendent,	260 00
Received from state, tuition of state wards,	88 50
Received from dog fund,	77 23
Received tuition from town of Shel- burne,	108 00
Received from residents of Griswold- ville on account repairs on hall,	45 00
Received from Griswoldville Mfg. Co. for brick,	37 59

\$5,673 76

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Teachers' salaries,	\$3,130 60
Transportation,	671 00
Supplies,	309 13
Repairs,	405 46
High school tuition,	441 00
Cleaning and care of school rooms,	101 10
Fuel,	133 39
Incidentals,	44 55
Old bills,	55 30
Truant officers,	20 00

\$5,311 53

TOTALS.

Resources,	\$5,673 76
Expenditures,	5,311 53

Amount unexpended February 17, 1902, \$362 23

F. E. CROMACK,	} School Committee of Colrain.
J. E. DAVENPORT,	
E. W. COOMBS,	

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Committee of Colrain :

I hereby submit to you and the people of this town my ninth report concerning its schools.

In the main the same lines of work have been followed that we have followed during the last few years. Yet there are certain influences affecting our school work to which I wish to call your attention.

ARMS ACADEMY.

The change in the relation which the Academy has assumed toward the other schools of the town of Shelburne has affected quite materially its relation to the schools of neighboring towns. For the past few years this town has appropriated money which has nearly or quite paid the tuition of its pupils in the Academy, but it has been regarded by the state as a private school.

By the present arrangement, entered into last July, the trustees of the Academy have placed its management educationally in the hands of the school committee of Shelburne, while they retain control of its finances. That is, the school

committee elect the teachers, arrange the courses of study and have supervision of the work done the same as in the other schools of the town. This makes the Academy a part of the school system of the town and thus unifies the work.

And further than this, since the Academy is now the high school of the town, pupils from towns without a high school, may have their tuition paid by the town or state as in other high schools. This has increased the average attendance at the Academy this year about twenty, and is likely to make a larger increase in the years to follow. This increase has necessitated employing a new teacher, and brought the increased inspiration to the school which larger numbers usually bring.

It should be stated, that the action of the trustees and the school committee has the approval of the Attorney-General and Secretary Hill of the state board of education, as to its legality and desirability.

It is a source of satisfaction to all interested in education that the work done at the Academy is of a high order, and ranks with that of the best high schools in this part of the state. There has never been a better spirit of work than this year. It's graduates take a good stand in the colleges they enter, or in other lines of work in which they engage.

It is also to the credit of our town, as well as the better equipment of our boys and girls, that so many take the high school course. With tuition paid and books furnished, as now, it would seem that all should avail themselves of this opportunity for higher instruction and training. If a boy or girl is not able to complete the four years' course, one or two years of faithful high school work will so broaden life and efficiency along educational lines as to be a life-long source of satisfaction not only to him who takes it, but to those whose lives lie close to his.

While this action on the part of the trustees of the

Academy has opened better educational advantages to the boys and girls of this town, it has also increased the amount of money to be raised for educational purposes. It should be noted here that Mr. C. E. Ward, the representative from this district, has introduced a bill into the legislature, whose purport is that towns whose valuation is less than \$750,000 shall have the tuition of their pupils in high schools of other towns paid by the state. The present limit is \$500,000 valuation, but the above increase would include this town.

TEACHERS.

We have had an unusual number of changes among our teachers this year. The larger number has been occasioned by sickness; some teachers obtained better positions and two were unable to control their schools. This has been unfortunate, for the frequent changing of teachers is a hindrance to the progress of the pupils, and a detriment to the general advancement of the schools.

On the other hand the ever-changing teacher is not a success anywhere, and cannot be relied upon. A teacher needs to understand his school, its needs and its environment, both in the homes and the community at large, before he can do his best work for it. He does not come to know this thoroughly in one term.

The teacher is the life of the school. No school can succeed, if the teacher fails in his part, however diligent the pupils may be, or however enthusiastic in its support the parents may be. The teacher must be alive, with mind and heart ready to respond to all its needs and to direct all its activities. The teacher who studies carefully the subject matter, so as to present the lessons of the day in the most

effective manner, does well, but that is not all. He needs to study the child, so as to understand him aright, that he may through the "close touch of sympathy" develop the very best there is in him, and open up the vista leading to true manhood. Many a boy or girl has never an opportunity in the home to feel the touch of human kindness, or hear a word of inspiration and help. They ought not to miss them in the school-room. It was thought in the bygone days, not so very long ago, that any one who had a certain amount of mental training and physical stamina could "keep school." Today the teacher is expected to know how to "teach school." And in the near future I hope, all teachers will be expected to take special training for the work, whether they be graduates of high school or college.

What has been said above is especially true of primary teachers. They meet the children first hand, fresh from the influence and training of the homes. This may have been helpful or harmful, and worthy of all praise is the teacher who can take the little ones from homes so widely different in character and influence, and train them together into habits of character and purpose which shall be an uplift to the very homes themselves. The child who goes out from his first teacher with the habit of doing his work neatly and promptly; with a courtesy that recognizes and respects the rights of others; with eye open to see the beautiful in the world which God has made, and the picture which man has made; and with ear and heart attune to the melody of music and song, should carry with him a blessed memory of her who had so much to do in shaping his life.

Although teachers may live very near the high standard set for them above, as many of our teachers do, yet the school may not attain the highest standard if the co-operation of parents is lacking. In general the teachers have received the cordial support which is their due, but in some cases this has

not been given. Parent and teacher are in partnership doing the same work. Two partners in a business firm working at cross purposes weaken and destroy the business. The child who hears his parents complain of the teacher's management and instruction, soon learns to despise it himself, and is on the way to disregard all authority. On the other hand, the teacher who in any way lessens the regard of the child for his parent, loosens his hold upon the child in the same way. The teacher and parent then need to understand each other and work together for the good of the child.

Sometimes complaint is made because children are not advanced as fast as parents think they ought to be. Mrs. A. thinks her child is as well qualified for promotion as Mrs. B.'s and finds fault because he is not advanced, implying that there is favoritism on the part of teacher or superintendent. It is much more pleasant to promote a child than to put him back, but the superintendent or teacher who is faithful to his trust will place him where he can do the best for himself, keeping in mind always the best interest of the whole school.

There are a few persons in our town, as elsewhere, who do not like vertical writing. A few months since the assistant superintendents of New York City voted to return to the old slant form of writing. This was not received with favor by the teachers and pupils of the city. And at a meeting of the superintendents of the entire state of New York held a little later, after a full discussion of the matter, all but five of the entire body voted to continue the vertical writing. Further than this, "of the twenty-five sets of specimen papers sent by the schools of New York City to the Paris exposition—papers highly praised for neatness and legibility by the Paris examiners—twenty-three were in vertical hand." Nearer home, the premiums that pupils of our schools have taken in penmanship at Charlemont Fair would not have been merited, had the writing been the old slant.

The work in drawing has been carried on as best we could without the aid of a special teacher. In many of the schools very creditable results have been reached, although most of our teachers have never received special drill in this subject. Most of the work has been in connection with nature study and study of forms, but in a few schools the children have begun the use of the brush both with color and with ink.

Were the schools of the town not so small and so much scattered in location, I should urge very strongly the introduction of vocal music, but, as it is, the amount of travel necessary would very much increase the expense of a special teacher. Could we consolidate more of the small schools this might be brought about. Last spring three of the small schools were closed and the children carried to other schools to the increased interest and advancement of the children as well as less expense to the town. The children from the Miller school were carried to the Four Corners, those of the Brick to the South school and those from the Churchill to Adamsville. This winter it seemed best to open the Churchill school again on account of the long distance which some of the children had to go—from Catamount hill.

Last summer the house at Griswoldville was raised, a new underpinning and timbers put under it and a vestibule put over the entrance. This gives an opportunity for ventilation under the building which will add very much to its dryness and preservation, and the consequent health of the children. A vestibule was also built over the entrance to the house at the Centre.

There is great need of an enlargement of the primary room at the Foundry school, and I trust that it can be done the coming summer. This and the painting of one or two houses seem to be the necessary repairs to be made this year.

The increased length of our schools this year—thirty-six weeks—has enabled us to shape up our work alongside that of

neighboring towns, and if it be continued, as I trust it will, our pupils will be ready to enter Arms Academy or other high schools with a preparation equal to that of other applicants.

The attendance this year has been seriously interfered with by sickness. Scarlet fever, mumps, measles and whooping-cough have all prevailed in different schools in some parts of the year. Adamsville school has suffered most, the school having been closed twice for sickness. Mumps or whooping-cough are not diseases on account of which children may legally be excluded from school, but, when other children would be exposed by their presence, we have advised parents to keep the sick ones out until the danger of exposing others was passed.

With high appreciation of the courtesy of the committee, the cordial support of the teachers, and kind words of parents and citizens received in my work, this report is

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES P. HALL,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF TRUANT OFFICERS.

Mr. C. P. Hall, Superintendent of Schools:

I hereby submit the following report as truant officer for 1901-2:

Number of cases investigated,	18
Number of truants,	10
Number kept out by parents,	8
All were returned to school but one.	

Respectfully submitted,
C. WEBSTER SMITH,
Truant officer.

Mr. C. P. Hall, Superintendent of Schools:

The following is my report for the year 1901-2:

Number of cases investigated,	35
Number sick,	10
Number of truants,	10
Number kept out by parents,	15

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. GILCHRIST,
Truant officer.

STATISTICAL TABLE. *

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Terms.	Wages per Month.	Whole		Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent of Attendance.	Days of Absence.	Cases of Tardiness.	Cases of Dismissal.
				No. enrolled.	Boys.	Girls.					
Adamsville,	{ Ethel J. White,	2	\$30 00	17	6	22.0	19.7	89.7	380	19	2
Bardwell,	{ Mattie A. Pierce,	1	28 00	4	4	6.3	5.7	90.8	9.2	22	0
Brick,	{ Katharine E. Burke,	3	24 00	4	4	7.3	6.0	82.2	122	23	8
Center,	{ Alta J. Carpenter,	2	26 00	10	15	25.7	22.5	87.7	494	48	48
Christian Hill,	{ Florence M. Lyman,	3	32 00	9	10	16.4	14.4	87.8	392	25	14
Churchill.	{ Jennie I. Gurney,	2	28 00	9	3	9.4	8.7	93.0	99	24	0
	{ Myra L. Hillman,	1	26 00	13	8	18.3	17.8	90.9	82	33	15
Elm Grove,	{ Myra L. Hillman,	1	24 00	16	15	25.4	21.0	89.8	377	336	136
	{ Mari Purinton,	1	28 00	17	13	29.2	26.2	90.0	456	459	168
	{ Agnes Fenton,	2	32 00	7	4	11.2	9.2	82.0	346	62	13
Foundry Grammar,	{ Helen A. Peterson,	1	30 00	12	11	21.1	19.1	92.3	241	70	30
Foundry Primary,	{ Mary A. Dickinson,	3	36 00	7	14	20.6	18.9	92.4	246	144	6
Four Corners,	{ Lucie M. Ware,	3	32 00	5	5	7.7	5.8	75.4	212	168	38
Griswoldville Grammar,	{ Jessie F. Swift,	2	28 00	26	15	35.9	32.1	89.4	580	324	49
Griswoldville Primary,	{ May S. Chapman,	3	24 00	7	5	10.4	9.2	88.7	195	106	13
Miller,	{ Ethel L. Pickett,	2	24 00	8	7	11.9	10.5	86.5	210	72	2
Shattuckville,	{ Alice M. Thompson,	3	32 00	165	141	276.7	246.8	89.9	4,534	1,935	542
South,	{ Mabelle C. Johnson,	2	24 00	7	5	10.4	9.2	88.7	195	106	13
	{ Alta J. Carpenter,	1	26 00	8	7	11.9	10.5	86.5	210	72	2
Wilson Hill.	{ Grace E. Call,	2	24 00	8	7	11.9	10.5	86.5	210	72	2
	{ Daisy L. Call.	1	24 00	8	7	11.9	10.5	86.5	210	72	2
				165	141	276.7	246.8	89.9	4,534	1,935	542

* Year Closing June, 1901.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following pupils have not been absent, tardy or dismissed during the number of terms mentioned, closing with the fall of 1901 :

NINE TERMS.

Earl Smead,

Marion Donelson.

FIVE TERMS.

Mabel McCloud.

THREE TERMS.

Ellsworth Kemp,

Pearl Kendrick,
Mildred Starkey,
Ethel Wood.

TWO TERMS.

William Call,
Guy Miner,
Leo Miner,
Russell Nichols,
Frederick Sessler,
Raymond Starkey,
George Thompson,

Flora Bell,
Carrie McGee,
Hattie Richards,
Malah Russell,
Mary Sessler,
Ellen Storms,
Mabel Thompson,
Dorothy Warner,
Inez Wood.

ONE TERM.

Ancil Bell,
Milton Brown,
Frederick Call,
Edwin Clement,
Harvey Copeland,
Ralph Cram,
Milton Davenport,

Miranda Barrows,
Gertrude Bell,
Lura Bell,
Florence Bingham,
Ruth Bullock,
Clara Coombs,
Flora Cromack,

Edward Gadreault,
Lawrence Green,
Robert Green,
Edwin Johnson,
Earl Kemp,
Wilfred LaPierre,
Ira Miner,
Roscoe Nichols,
Leo Parker,
Frank Richards,
Paul Terry,

Gladys Dennison,
Nita Hathaway,
Belle Howard,
Helen McGee,
Florence McClellan,
Anna Paradee,
Julia Purrington,
Eva Rabideau,
Lelia Smead,
Olive Storms,
Mildred Temple,
Goldie Wood,
Mildred Wood,
Olive Wood.

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

RESOURCES.

Town appropriation for purchase of books,	\$75 00
Town appropriation for librarian's salary and rent,	50 00
Cash on hand Febuary 23, 1901.	14 49
Received from fines,	64

\$140 13

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Books,	\$83 43
Insurance,	4 50

Librarian's salary and rent,	\$50 00
Express and postage,	2 50

\$140 43

Expenditures exceed re- sources,	\$ 30
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Number of volumes in library Feb. 23, 1901,	1461
Number of volumes added by purchase,	77
Number of volumes added by contribu- tion,	82
Number of volumes in library Feb. 17, 1902.	1620
Number of volumes loaned from libra- ry,	1800
Number of volumes loaned from East Colrain,	185
Number of volumes loaned from Griswoldville,	40
Number of volumes loaned from South School,	40
Number of volumes loaned from Chris- tian Hill,	280
Total circulation,	2345

We recommend as appropri-
ations for the coming year,

Librarian and rent,	\$50 00
Purchase of books,	50 00

F. E. CROMACK,	} Trustees.
J. E. DAVENPORT,	
E. W. COOMBS.	

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the accounts of the School Committee this day, also books and accounts of the Librarian and Library Trustees, and find them correct.

H. O. SCOTT, Auditor.

COLRAIN, February 18, 1902.

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

TOWN OFFICERS

—OF THE—

TOWN OF COLRAIN

—FOR THE—

YEAR 1902—1903.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Town of
Colrain for the Year Ending March 25th, 1903.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand February 18th, 1902,	\$331 61
From Town of Conway, account of poor,	9 14
Town of West Boylston, account of poor,	164 76
State Treasurer, state highway loan fund,	1,802 90
State Treasurer, corporation tax,	546 39
State Treasurer, Superintendent of Schools,	200 00
State Treasurer, inspection of animals,	38 38
State Treasurer, education of state children,	131 50
State Treasurer, national bank tax,	239 47
State Treasurer, state aid,	490 00
State Treasurer, income of Massachu- setts school fund,	444 76
Shelburne Falls National Bank, tem- porary loan,	5,500 00
Ross Purrington, butcher's license,	2 00
H. O. Scott, auctioneer's license, 1901,	2 00
H. O. Scoot, auctioneer's license, 1902,	2 00
P. Looman, butcher's license,	1 00
L. Chevillier, butcher's license,	1 00
District Court of Franklin, account of fines,	4 72
Town of Greenfield, account of poor,	7 00
Goodell Tool Co., account of rent of motor,	30 00

Town of Deerfield, account of poor,	\$ 6 00
F. W. Purrington, account of cement,	4 13
Town of Shelburne, account of gravel,	2 10
County of Franklin, account of dog fund,	115 83
Town of Shelburne, account of Bard- well school,	115 00
Shelburne Falls Savings Bank, loan,	395 00
H. B. Miller, overpayment,	4 28
H. A. Howard, old iron sold,	1 40
S. E. Temple, for granite,	2 00
A. H. Temple, collector tax of 1902,	13,105 25
	\$23,699 62

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Selectmen's orders,	\$17,261 24
Paid School Committee's orders,	6,390 67
Paid Assessors' abatements,	42 60
Cash on hand,	5 11
	\$23,699 62

Town's Indebtedness.

Six notes of \$1,000, due annually	
January 1st,	\$6,000 00
State road note,	1,500 00
Shelburne Falls Savings Bank, note,	395 00
	\$7,895 00

R. C. HILLMAN, Treasurer.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

R. C. HILLMAN, TOWN CLERK.

In Account with the Town of Colrain, 1902-1903.

DR.

Cash received from 78 licenses male dogs, \$2.00,	\$156 00	
Cash received from 9 licenses female dogs, \$5.00,	45 00	
		\$201 00

CR.

Cash paid County Treasurer,	\$183 60	
Clerk's fees,	17 40	
		\$201 00

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

COLRAIN, March 25, 1903.

I have this day examined the books and accounts of the Treasurer and certify that they are correct, with a balance in his hands of \$5.11. I also find a balance in the hands of the Librarian of 24 cents.

Respectfully submitted,

H. O. SCOTT, Auditor.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Highways and Bridges.

C. L. Donelson,	\$48 00	Henry La Plant,	\$2 78
N. H. Purrington,	5 25	R. E. Purrington,	20 85
Henry Ariel	2 25	J. B. Clark & Son,	42 59
Jesse L. Herzig,	5 50	Hugh B. Miller,	35 25
Griswold Mfg. Co.,	3 50	M. S. Harris,	124 15
Levi O. Davenport,	9 90	Rudolph Herzig,	56 00
Walter Kelly,	9 45	Albert Herzig,	6 00
F. L. Ware,	2 40	T. D. Williams,	10 38
F. L. Ware,	13 25	Harry Bell,	13 90
C. T. Field,	39 00	John P. Sherman,	10 50
Joseph Dixon Crucible		E. W. Clark,	10 95 ^c
Co.,	63 70	Orson Call,	7 25
Moses Jebo,	3 00	Stetson Bros.,	15 22
S. F. & Colrain St. R.R.,	1 15	F. W. Jeffords,	3 45
Albert Herzig,	15 82	A. L. Fish,	18 75
H. Newell & Co.,	13 80	O. R. Fairbanks,	9 69
J. W. Tinkham,	1 50	Thomas Richards,	2 70
S. Allen's Sons,	3 71	H. C. Fink,	17 88
P. Lamoire,	16 50	Avery Bros.,	33 77
D. D. Hillman,	1 50	F. L. Kendrick, lum-	
F. L. Shearer,	11 55	ber,	144 27
Matthew Collissarre,	27 17	Geo. O. Dunnell,	20 05
O. H. Taylor,	8 40	Samuel Clemment,	3 25
Frank Galipault,	2 78	Joel Clark,	3 90
F. A. Dunnell,	9 35	L. B. Stewart,	6 00
C. W. Maxam,	6 74	Amos Stewart,	40 39
J. E. Bowen,	9 37	W. H. Bardwell,	25 20
Levi D. Thompson,	9 00	M. M. Johnson,	3 00
H. B. Gilderdale,	1 50	Hermon Root,	7 50
H. F. Purrington,	14 53	Geo. Matterson,	29 10
H. A. Howard & Son,	9 00	R. C. Porter,	3 83

Michael Blassburg,	\$ 7 60	R. E. Martin,	\$ 18 10
W. W. Cressy,	15	Chas. F. White,	20 72
J. L. Clark,	4 92	Geo. W. Cary,	7 65
J. B. Cromack & Son,	14 10	Mrs. F. B. Shippee,	71
Sam Wood,	8 03	C. L. Donelson,	29 21
G. A. Thompson,	2 85	Frank Galpialult,	5 85
M. O. Nichols,	25 68	Fred L. Merrifield,	17 58
G. P. Morton,	7 75	C. A. Marey,	39 66
Chas. J. Moore,	3 75	Wm. Gregory,	1 50
Wm. Martin,	7 75	Harry Fisk,	2 10
E. J. Burrington,	6 82	W. J. Burrington,	8 85
J. R. Looman,	1 50	Daniel Cary,	4 50
A. A. Smith,	10 35	E. S. Alexander,	9 75
H. D. Brown,	1 50	W. R. Bridges,	35 26
Levi O. Davenport,	2 10	O. D. Kemp,	17 85
E. R. Cobb,	10 50	James H. Carr,	11 85
Geo. H. Fisk,	21 69	Miner & White,	9 00
C. B. Dennison & Son,	54 22	Robert Miller,	46 90
Wm. Lessler,	2 55	Lyman Fairbanks,	11 10
Mary A. Nelson,	13 10	Geo. W. Warner,	5 55
Geo. W. Warner,	25 00	Roberts Bros.,	15 75
C. M. Fairbanks,	16 30	Pat. Lamoire,	8 70
Correl Davenport,	9 60	Geo. E. Allen,	4 00
G. A. Thompson,	8 35	A. O. Nelson,	20 85
Chester W. Smith,	12 90	B. L. Call,	6 95
E. Auger,	5 10	Geo. R. Patterson,	2 95
H. A. Howard,	29 60	H. L. Pickett,	3 60
O. M. Brown,	18 75	C. T. Field,	27 95
F. W. Purrington,	25 16	Joe. Soucie,	10 50
F. L. Purrington,	7 50	Herbert Peters,	45 00
E. F. Copeland,	30 04	J. A. Dwight & Son,	21 00
Ed. Kendrick,	2 00	L. W. Stratton,	8 00
H. R. Donelson,	3 37	H. C. Cromack,	13 35
S. N. Day,	6 15	Everett Johnson,	3 00

A. O. Davenport,	\$ 1 50	Thomas Smead,	\$ 10 60
Miner & White,	9 00	H. S. Browning,	19 93
James A. Galvin,	2 70	Chas. W. Smith,	5 10
Ernest Davenport,	4 05	Joseph Liveley,	10 80
E. T. Cutting,	7 90	Wayne Hillman,	15 75
C. W. Hillman,	7 35	E. B. Smith,	4 50
Geo. L. Pierce,	4 00	Chas. T. Gunn,	17 25
M. B. Crosier,	4 50	E. B. Stewart,	3 75
J. M. Shearer,	56 78	S. W. Wheeler,	1 50
Geo. H. Nelson,	17 65	M. S. Harris,	5 50
W. H. Kemp,	5 50	Byron Call,	3 95
Fred Reil,	90	James A. Galvin,	6 44
Elias Bardwell,	10 80	H. O. Scott,	3 35
R. M. Coombs,	4 50	W. H. Donelson,	3 00
Geo. R. Purrinton,	19 46	G. H. Fisk,	9 32
Michael Looman,	30 00	Ozro Thompson,	3 00
H. J. Smith,	20 55	John Davenport,	3 00
Geo. McClellan,	2 10	Fred Reil,	1 50
Horace Kemp,	32 00	J. B. Clark,	47 90
C. J. Russell,	60	F. E. Cromack,	8 70
J. P. Sturtevant,	2 75	Frank Thompson,	6 25
D. M. Pierce,	3 90	N. H. Purrington,	4 50
Chas. W. Smith.	6 50		

\$2,479 22

Paid for Breaking Roads.

Jesse L. Herzig,	\$3 95	Chas. F. White,	\$3 00
Albert Herzig,	26 65	Mrs. F. B. Shippee,	75
Stetson Bros.,	5 18	E. F. Copeland,	4 30
F. W. Jeffords,	3 22	Wayne Hillman,	8 85
A. L. Fish,	9 45	James Carr,	11 40
H. B. Gilderdale,	90	F. E. Cromack,	1 50
J. B. Cromack & Son,	1 50	D. M. Pierce,	75
James R. Looman,	90	J. B. Cromack & Son,	1 50

Herman Root,	\$ 2 70	M. S. Harris,	\$ 12 86
Geo. Matterson,	75	Arthur L. Fish,	16 05

\$116 29

Paid repairs on State road,	54.00
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Incidentals.

J. F. Temple,	\$35 25	F. W. Purrington,	\$1 17
Shelburne Falls Fire Dept.	20 80	Dr. J. W. Cram,	
J. F. Temple,	2 00	record births,	4 50
Cecil T. Bagnall,	1 54	A. H. Temple,	2 00
Cummings & Remington,	2 40	Perry F. Crafts,	
R. H. Shack,	50	court fees,	34 89
F. L. Kendrick,	75	Perry F. Crafts,	
W. W. Cressey,	1 50	court fees,	8 48
Geo. N. Kelley,	2 50	William M. Smead,	
C. L. Donelson,	6 32	court fees,	12 01
Smith & Hillman,	9 20	William M. Smead,	
Dr. F. J. Canedy, record		court fees,	1 21
births,	2 25	R. C. Hillman,	23 10
Chas. A. Stewart,	5 00	Smith & Hillman,	1 83
H. A. Howard,	7 45	F. W. Purrington,	7 05
F. L. Kendrick,	75	L. Nims, highway	
		damage,	5 50

\$200 15

TOWN OFFICERS.

J. D. Gilchrist, inspector,	\$12 50
C. Webster Smith, inspector,	8 00
C. Webster Smith, inspector,	6 00
F. W. Burrington, ballot clerk,	4 00
C. Webster Smith, inspector,	47 75
J. B. Clark & Son, hearse man,	22 00

Dr. J. A. Mather, ballot clerk,	\$ 2 00
H. B. Miller, ballot clerk,	4 00
W. H. Donelson, inspector,	63 50
F. L. Kendrick, constable,	2 00
F. A. Dunnell, assessor,	37 50
J. E. Bowen, ballot clerk,	2 00
Geo. N. Kelley, ballot clerk,	2 00
M. M. Johnson, sexton,	4 00
Geo. W. Cary, ballot clerk,	2 00
C. T. Avery, assessor,	35 00
W. H. Donelson, inspector,	23 95
H. A. Howard, selectman and board of health,	67 50
F. W. Purrington, sexton,	20 00
H. R. Donelson, sexton,	2 00
D. Leon Smith, registrar,	10 00
Robert Miller, registrar,	6 00
C. Webster Smith, inspector,	29 75
W. H. Kemp, registrar,	8 00
Elias Bardwell, registrar,	8 00
C. A. Stewart, assessor,	40 00
J. B. Clark, hearse man,	12 00
F. E. Cromack, school committee,	20 00
Dr J. W. Cram, board of health,	14 50
Jonathan E. Davenport, school com- mittee,	37 50
A. H. Temple, tax collector,	125 00
John C. Thompson, constable,	8 00
R. C. Hillman, clerk and treasurer,	85 00
H. O. Scott, auditor,	10 00
F. W. Purrington, selectman,	50 00
F. W. Purrington, sexton,	4 00
C. L. Donelson, selectman,	60 00
H. A. Howard, selectman,	26 50

W. H. Donelson, inspector,	\$	17 25
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\$944 70

Paid for Support of Poor.

Wm. E. Southworth:—

Edwin Baker,	\$3 00
Smith & Hillman,	1 40
Dr. J. W. Cram,	3 00
Geo. W. Warner,	298 00

\$305 40

Frank E. Southworth:—

Smith & Hillman,	\$1 40
Dr. J. W. Cram,	3 00
Geo. W. Warner,	208 00

212 40

Correll Vincent:—

F. M. Thompson,	\$78 00
Dr. J. W. Cram,	6 25
Geo. W. Warner,	214 50

298 75

Rachael Jeffords:—

Lewis F. Babbitt, treasurer,	\$49 22
John McCalman,	111 00

160 22

Oscar Call:—

E. C. Smith & Son,	84 00
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Peter La Rock:—

Frank La Rock,	\$105 43
Dr. J. W. Cram,	5 25

110 68

Mrs. H. Underwood:—

E. Galipault,	\$12 20
Dr. J. W. Cram,	11 00
F. A. Brown,	2 90
E. M. Dwight,	5 00
F. L. Kendrick,	3 50

34 60

Mrs. Henry Miller:—

C. E. Smith & Son,	\$2 75
W. E. Barnes,	6 50
Joe Liveley,	3 24
Dr. J. W. Cram,	3 25

15 74

Mrs. Francis Thompson:—

Town of Mansfield,	15 00
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Chas. Hastings:—

Town of Westfield,	9 50
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Mrs. Frank Hall:—

E. C. Smith & Son,	10 79
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Chas. McCloud:—

Town of Greenfield,	37 75
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Mrs. Emma Patnode:—

Smith & Hillman,	\$153 32
R. E. Purrington,	49 46
H. F. Purrington,	7 61
Dr. J. W. Cram,	16 50
Griswoldville Mfg. Co.,	25 44

252 33

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Geo. Hugh and family:—

Dr. J. W. Cram,	\$9 00
Smith & Hillman,	3 99

12 99

\$1,560 15

Paid state aid,	\$ 524 00
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County tax,	\$1,352 85
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State tax,	345 00
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Memorial Day,	50 00
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Town Debt and Interest.

Paid interest,	\$509 61
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Paid debt,	2,000 00
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Temporary loan,	5,500 00
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\$8,009 61

Paid old bills,	\$ 222 31
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Paid for state highway,	1,848 30
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Paid for state bridge,	195 23
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Total cost of state highway, 1901-1902 and 1903	\$3,557 71
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Received from state,	3,235 15
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Balance against town,	\$322 56
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Total cost of state bridge, 1901-1902 and 1903,	\$504 14
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Resources of the Town.

Due from state on account of state aid fund,	\$524 00
Due from West Boylston on account of poor,	252 33
Due from state for inspection of animals,	55 67
Due from town of Greenfield, poor,	12 99
Due from S. F. & Colrain St. R. R., plank,	42 00
Due Christian Fink for brick,	4 25
Due Geo. G. Merrill for gravel,	1 00
Due Winfield Canedy, for gravel,	3 00
Due Bay Construction Co., for use of motor,	45 00

\$940 24

Recapitulation.

Amount Appropriated.		Amount Expended.
\$2,500 00	Highways and bridges, including sewer work,	\$2,546 01
160 00	Incidentals,	200 15
1,200 00	Support of poor,	1,560 15
500 00	State aid,	524 00
800 00	Town officers,	944 70
1,500 00	County tax,	1,352 85
400 00	State tax,	345 00
2,000 00	Town debt,	2,000 00
400 00	Interest,	509 61
	Temporary loan,	5,500 00
700 00	Old bills,	222 31
	State road,	1,848 30
	State bridge,	195 23
50 00	Memorial Day,	50 00
	Repairs on state highway,	54 00

\$17,852 31

Inventory of Tools at Crusher Plant.

One crusher, elevator, two screens, electric motor.
 2 dozen shovels.
 6 steel bars.
 12 wheel-barrows.
 6 hoes.
 8 picks.
 5 mattocks.
 1 road machine.
 Seal for weights and measures.
 2 safes.
 1 derrick.
 1 book-case.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. HOWARD,	}	Selectmen of Colrain.
C. L. DONELSON,		
F. W. PURRINGTON,		

COLRAIN, March 25, 1903.

I have this day finished my examination of the books of the Selectmen, and find them correct.

H. O. SCOTT, Auditor.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT.

COMPLETE LIST OF TAXABLE PROPERTY MAY 1, 1902.

	Personal.	Real.		Personal.	Real.
Avery Bros.,	\$811	\$3100	Apt, W. H.	\$578	
Allard, W. S.	200	1730	Apt, Helen M.	\$ 2150	
Alexander, E. S.	335	1390	Ariel Henry E.	42	600
Auger, E.	97	500			

Personal. Real.			Personal. Real.		
Brown, F. L.	\$1094	\$1100	Bell, Harry		\$500
Bardwell, W. H.	547	1925	Bell, Mrs. Ida M.	107	
Booth, E. P.	118	900	Bridges, Will R.	672	1550
Bell, Mrs. J. A.	55	525	Bushey, Henry		540
Bell, Walter, heirs		150	Bullock, A. R.		400
Brown, D. H.	55	570	Brown, O. M.	800	3100
Burrington, A. L.	176	850	Bushey, Joseph		450
Burrington, J. W.	50	800	Barnes, W. E.	302	900
Bowen, John E.	364	950	Booth, Nora E.		600
Browning, H. S.	651	2475	Brown, F. A.	1200	360
Bardwell, Elias	230	1700	Baldie, Lawre.	125	700
Burrington, Eli J.		962	Bennett, Joseph	95	275
Brigham, C. L.	385	2300	Boyle, Moses	70	
Baptist Society 1st		1000	Bolton, E. S.	50	
Buck, Addie S.		250	Burdett, Fred	100	
Booth, Nancy J.		1050	Bushey, Alfred,	125	
Brigham, L. L. & Son	543	1375	Boyle, Jovid,	60	
Crosier, M. B.	280	800	Coombs, R. M.	897	3800
Coombs Bros.,	1474	4235	Carpenter, Mrs.		
Cromack, H. C.	514	1800	Julia M.		800
Carpenter, J. W.	559	1700	Cutting, Ed- ward T.	409	2000
Carpenter, Arthur N.	40		Curtis, Mrs. Sarah J.		1500
Congregational So- ciety		1000	Clark Mrs. Fi- delia		550
Carr, James H.	185	335	Curtis, J. H.		450
Carpenter, C. L. estate,		260	Clark, E. W. and Olive Fisher	522	934
Cobb, Mrs. Sarah C.		400	Cram, John W.	175	2500
Cobb, Edwin R.	350	20			

Personal. Real.		Personal. Real.	
Cary, George W.	\$730 \$1800	Cromack, Frank	
Call, Orson	192 875	E.	\$470 \$1180
Call, Mrs. Hannah		Call, Byron L.	190 1850
M.	317 750	Chevilier, Louis	349 1100
Call, Oscar E.		Collis, Matt	119 375
Clark, Joel L.	251 800	Cole, James W.	1000
Cary, W. W.	170 1925	Cressy, W. W.	275 165
Cary, W. W. & Son	900 2050	Cromack, C. H.	105 825
Clark, J. B. & Son	585 1700	Coburn, Noah	150
Clark John L.	247 1800	Coutie, Israel	4
Cromack, J. B. &		Coutie, John	8
Son,	957 3250	Coburn, Peter	50
Cary, Daniel W.	25 350	Crooks, C. M.	35
Carpenter, C. N.	105 1800	Carpenter, W. S.	20
Copeland, Edgar		Cowan, E. E.	50
F.	1205 2850	Churchill, F. A.	150
Coombs, E. W.	1210		
Davenport, S. G.	425	Donelson, H. R.	656 2750
Davenport, John		Donelson, C. L.	934 3500
E.	421 950	Dennison, C. B.	
Davenport, C. E.	295 2600	& Son,	353 1500
Davenport, A. O.	525 1300	Donelson, W. H.	150 1050
Davenport, Jona-		Dennison &	
than E.	762 3100	Smith,	4250
Davenport, Levi	79 200	Darling, W. W.	480 2400
Davenport, E. L.	279 1460	Dexter, Hoyt	1375
Dunnell, F. A.	593 1600	Day, Samuel	112 775
Dunnell, G. O.	364 1400	Dobias, John	82 350
Dewey, H. W.	675	Dennison, Geo.	
Dennison, Henry	800	W.	25
Dwight, J. A. &		Dunton, Zenas,	350
Son	707 1850		

Personal. Real.			Personal. Real.		
Fairbanks, Frank			Fink, Christian, 205	\$1305	
S.	\$235	\$ 500	Fish, Arthur &		
Fairbanks, C. M.	446	1090	Mary Nichols	449	400
Fairbanks Bros.,		275	Fink, Fred	182	560
Fairbanks, O. R.	370	1100	Faulkner David		
Fairbanks, L. W.	85	1000	S.	62	
Field, Frank S.	60				
Galvin, James A.	856	3325	Griswold, Lor-		
Gunn, Mrs. A. M.	632	2825	enzo	4785	
Green, G. P.		250	Galipault, Fred	10	
Griswold, Joseph,			Gilderdale, H.		
heirs		300	B.	80	
Galipault, Frank	398	850	Gregory Wm.	10	
Gilchrist, J. D.	95		Griswoldville Mfg.		
			Co.	59,775	50,000
Hillman, C. W.	364	760	Herzig, Ru-		
Hinsdale, A. W.	150	1400	dolph	391	1400
Hillman, Mina L.	1000		Harris, Law-		
Hillman, Wayne	1101	1825	rence	364	700
Howard, H. A.			Hager, Leon S.	35	350
& Son,	660	2075	Harris, M. S.	744	2500
Howard, H. M.		700	Harris, John	25	
Hathaway, G. E.		600	Hayes, R. E.	40	
Herzig, Albert	273	500	Horan, Anthony	50	
Jefford heirs and			Johnson, S. B.	425	1500
Sarah M. Jef-			Joy, Mrs. H. R.		800
fords		534	Joy, I. N.	201	900
Jeffords, F. W.	65		Jurek, J.	76	425
Johnson, M. M.	425	2180			

Personal. Real.			Personal. Real.		
Kemp, Horace	\$ 870	\$3180	Kendrick &		
Kemp, O. D.	685	1100	Churchill	\$200	
Kemp, W. H.	677	2200	Kendrick, Edgar	178	850
Kendrick, O. B.	180	1560	Kelly Walter	65	750
Kendrick, F. L.	923	2100			
Looman, Tom		150	Lamoreaux, Nel-		
Looman, Michael	222	1100	son	30	825
Looman, Patrick	190	910	Lynde, Gilbert		
Looman, James R.	237	900	D.	339	
Lively, Joseph	933	2900	Lynde, Fannie E.		600
LeClair, Mrs. M.	60	1050	Lavalley, Joseph	30	
Lusty, David &			LaRock, Frank	5	
Son	264	1100	Leavitt, M. A.	125	
			Lapierre, C.	100	
Matterson, Geo. E.	275	950	Morley, Miss		
McGee, C. C.	125		Lizzie		345
McGee, Emily S.		750	Miller, H. B.	390	2175
Moore, L. B. &			Miner, J. W.	434	1510
Son,	192	1325	McClellan, Geo.		
Martin, R. E.	234	1320	E.	224	1100
Meacham, H. S.	265		Miller, Robert	155	2185
McClellan, James			Methodist So-		
F.	669	2725	ciety		1000
Maxam, C. W.	330	1115	Miner, Mrs. J. C.	70	400
McCloud, F. A.	283	975	Morris, Alfred		125
Merrifield, F. L.	1550	2625	Miner Clinton	313	1400
McGee, C. W.	249	850	Morton, George	240	1750
Marcy, C. A.	2125	4065	Merkel, Wm.		75
Martin, Wm.	127	1200	Miller, Lewis	50	
Miner & White	836	1450	Miller, George	42	
			Massaemet Yarn		
			Mills	11,800	15,190

Personal. Real.			Personal. Real.		
Nelson, A. O.	\$ 464	\$1350	Nelson, Mrs.		
Noyse, J. D.	320	3300	Mary	\$ 302	\$1600
Nelson, J. D.	125	400	Nichols, M. O.	376	1200
			Nelson, Geo. H.	710	1125
O'Brien, Thomas	227	800			
Purrington, F. L.	314	1150	Phillips, Geo. H.		575
Purrington, F. W.	1585	4350	Parker, E. J.	80	860
Purrington, H. F.	38		Purrington, G.		
Purrington, Ross			R.	1032	2600
E.	554	2100	Purrington, Mrs.		
Pierce D. M.	248	1300	Freeman		450
Purrington, W. H.	694	1700	Purrington, Ida M.		620
Pierce, Geo. L.	681	2500	Peters, Herbert	30	
Pike, Mrs. Maria		350	Pelcher, E.	125	
Peterson, H. M.	255	1300	Pitt, G. W.	75	
Peterson, Myron	383	1700	Purrington, J.	25	
Porter, R. C.	162	625	Pickles, F. M.	75	
Patterson, G. R.	188	200	Purrington, H. C.		225
Roberts, Bros.,	622	2500	Russell, Mrs.		
Read, Elwin J.		1400	Mary A.	1000	
Russell, Mrs. G. A.		800	Richards, Thos.	60	550
Reil, Fred	352	900	Revoir, Peter	75	
Russell, C. J.	590	1100	Roberts, Mrs.		
Rugg, C. A.	195	1630	Lizzie		600
Rabedeaux, Geo.	30		Richards, Moses	50	
Smith & Hillman	2700	1750	Shaw, Kate A.		500
Smith, Charles W.	1051	4350	Starkey, F. A.	185	1000
Smith, C. Webster	140	850	Stetson Bros.,	766	2650
Smith, A. A. &			Stratton, L. W.	135	1300
Son	615	3025	Stacy, R. W. &		
Smith, H. J.	814	3100	Son,	522	1400

Personal. Real.			Personal. Real.		
Smith, E. B.	\$ 165	\$1625	Scott, H. O. &		
Smith, Chester W.	1087	4125	Son	\$2772	\$3400
Smith, E. C. & Son	2762	1350	Shippee, Mrs. F.		
Smith, A. C.	500	1050	B. and daugh-		
Shearer, T. C.			ters	102	400
estate		750	Sturtevant,		
Snow, David,		50	John P.	577	750
Spurr, Mrs. Antis		1395	Stone, Eli	152	650
Stewart & Root	570	2350	Stone, Samuel	147	1400
Sessler, Wm.	330	1150	Stone, Moses	30	440
Stewart, E. B.	500	2700	Shearer, J. M.	505	975
Stewart, Amos	478	1500	Sherman, J. P.	90	525
Stewart, L. B.	181	300	S. F. & Colrain		
Smead, Thomas	494	2450	St. Railroad		800
Schechterlee, Got-			Surprise, Edward	30	
fred	486	2500			
Thompson, Milo &			Temple, A. H. &		
Son	701	2200	Son	95	1400
Taylor, O. H.	170	825	Temple, S. E.	1007	3300
Thomas, A. L.	600	585	Thompson, Jane		500
Thompson, F. &			Tinkham, J. W.	25	1000
Mrs. C. J.	367	1900	Terry, Rev. W. R.	60	
Thompson, D. F.	322	1200	Thompson, Levi	385	1550
Thompson, H. W.	806	2150	Thompson, John		
Thompson, G. A.	204	1200	W.	100	
Thompson, Jake	30				
Underwood, Efford	40				
Vincent, O. E.	85	150	Vincent, Ida L.	50	
Vincent, C. H.		275			

Personal. Real.		Personal. Real.	
Wheeler, S. W.	\$1290 \$3950	Williams, T. D.	523 \$1500
White, L.	75 475	Wood, S. E.	169 800
White, C. F. & Son	946 2000	Ware, Fred L.	60
Walden, Frank	30 500	Weed, M. S.	80
Warner, G. W.	1030 2225		
York, Mrs. G., estate	500	York, John O.	100

Non-Resident Tax Payers.

Personal. Real.		Personal. Real.	
Allen, S. & Sons	\$425	Allen, Sylvanus	\$600
Barber, Matthew	1200	Billings, Mrs.	
Ballou, Francis	50	Abbie	500
Conant, Mrs. Sarah	950	Clouchie, Lewis	325
Clapp, J. W.	800		
Davenport, F. L.	150	Dennison, A. J.	50
Davenport, W. J.	30		
Graves, A. D.	400	Gillett, R. W.	325
Goodnow, Lida F.	850		
Hobart, E. D.	500	Handforth, Henry, estate	600
Johnson, Lewis, heirs	700	Johnson, A. C.	475
		Jeffords, Charles	260
Kinsman, W. E.	300	Kemp, W. S.	1000
Loomis, Austin D.	500	Legate, E. H.	100

Personal. Real.		Personal. Real.	
Lowe, Ira A.	\$ 100--\$1800	Long, S. M., estate	\$ 500
Lynde Bros.,	85	Leach, Whitman	500
Marcy, C. D. W.	1000		
Newton, M. L.	125 100		
Purrington, M. S. & Son	300		
Richmond, A. A. estate	350	Ross, Gertrude A.	600
Richmond, Lorenzo	350	Ross, R. S.	100
Shearer, T. R.	1700	Smead, Chas. W.	70 75
Shearer, Mrs. H. S.	550	Steel, G. H.	70
Smith, E. W.	500	Smith, H. A.	90
Smith, Zeri,	1400		
Tribe, Thomas	50	Tenny, Herman E.	200
Upton, F. S.	75		
Vanvalkinburg, J. C.	100		
Woodward, E. J.	150	Worden, C. H.	115 375
Ware, E. B.	500		
Yeld, Paul	150		

List of Abatements on Taxes for 1902.

Lawrence Baldie,	\$2 56	Hough, George,	\$2 00
Charles W. Smead,	82	Willie Ashton,	2 00
Thomas Ashton,	2 00	Alfred Galipault,	2 00
Oscar Call,	7 17	A. Galipault,	2 00

Frank Gabriel,	\$ 2 00	Alfred Vincent,	\$ 2 00
W. Whittemore,	2 00	Mack Maguire,	2 00
Joseph Pleasant,	2 00	James H. Palmer,	2 00
Wesley Leitz,	2 00	J. Unttgansing,	2 00
E. H. Legate,	2 05	John Laspace,	2 00
Alfred Bushey,	2 00		
			\$42 60

Table of Aggregates.

Number Polls assessed,	451
Residents assessed on property,	231
Non-residents assessed on property,	49
Horses assessed,	436
Cows assessed,	937
Cattle other than cows,	867
Sheep,	947
Swine,	167
Dwelling houses,	332
Value assessed personal estate,	\$176,856 00
Value assessed real estate,	417,265 00
Total valuation assessed estate,	\$594,121 00
Rate of total tax per \$1,000,	\$20 50
Total tax,	\$13,081 79

FRANK A. DUNNELL,	} Assessors of Colrain.
CHARLES A. STEWART,	
CLARK T. AVERY,	

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH.

The past year has been one of general good health to the inhabitants of the town. There has been but a small amount of general sickness and no epidemic of any consequence during the year.

There have been only two cases of contagious or infectious disease reported to the Board during the year, one each of typhoid and scarlet fever.

The board has had some work to do along the line of hygiene, in looking after the disposal of dead animals, foul water closets and drains.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. HOWARD,	}	Board of Health.
C. S. DONELSON.		
F. W. PURRINGTON,		
J. W. CRAM, Sec.		

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

—OF THE—

TOWN OF COLRAIN

—FOR THE—

YEAR 1902—1903.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 1903-1904.

SPRING TERM.—Begins Monday, April 6; ends Friday, June 26, twelve weeks.

FALL TERM.—Begins Monday, August 24; ends Friday, November 13, twelve weeks.

WINTER TERM.—Begins Monday, November 30; ends Friday, February 19, twelve weeks.

HOLIDAYS.—Labor Day and Christmas Day.

School Committee.

FRANK E. CROMACK, Chairman,

JONATHAN E. DAVENPORT, Secretary,

EDWIN W. COOMBS,

CHARLES P. HALL, Superintendent.

Truant Officers.

JOHN D. GILCHRIST,

C. WEBSTER SMITH.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FELLOW CITIZENS :

In making our report for the year just completed we find that the expenses have been in advance of one year ago. Orders have been given upon the treasurer for all bills presented, and there can be but a very small amount of outstanding bills. There were left from 1901-1902 old bills to the amount of \$639.64. Although we have applied ourselves to strict economy, we find that we have paid \$95 more in teachers' salaries. But the Churchill school has been run the entire year, which required the payment of \$144 more than one year ago for teachers' wages, so that in fact we have paid less for teachers than one year ago. It has cost \$75.75 less for transportation. Supplies, fuel and High school tuition have cost us more than one year ago. There will be returned to us \$324 by the State for High school tuition. We have included in our account the salary of school superintendent, which to us seems to be the proper place for it. You will find that the difference of \$584.34 in old bills paid is the most marked item of excess over one year ago. All money received from the State is \$489.68 less than one year ago.

One year ago your committee were instructed to investigate the matter of consolidation of schools and report the result at this meeting. We have taken what to us seemed the most practical territory upon which to make our estimates, viz.: that including the Centre, Foundry, Griswoldville and Shattuckville schools. The number of pupils in these schools is one hundred and sixty-nine. It requires seven teachers for these schools at a cost for wages of fifty-one dollars per week. If they were brought together so that they could be accommodated in a building with four rooms, under the care of four teachers paid wages on an average as high as we now pay the best of our teachers, it would cost thirty-four dollars per week, a saving of seventeen dollars each week on wages. If

the school building was located at some point between the Foundry and Griswoldville schools, it would not be an unreasonable distance for the children of these schools to walk; that would leave the Center and Shattuckville schools to be transported, which at the half-fare rates allowed by the Electric railroad would amount to fifteen dollars and seventy-five cents per week.

The cost for fuel, supplies and incidentals would not vary but little from what they now cost for each pupil. There is a bill now pending before the Legislature which, if passed, will lessen the cost of transportation. We believe that the cost of the consolidated school would be some less than present cost, yet not enough to warrant the outlay necessary, if that is the only benefit to be secured. It is already imperatively necessary to make some improvement at the Foundry and Shattuckville schools if they are to continue. At the Foundry the Primary room is overcrowded to a degree that makes it unhealthful and unprofitably inconvenient for teachers and pupils. At Shattuckville two teachers use one room, hearing two classes recite at the same time, which with all the painstaking and care that can be used makes confusion, and can but hinder the performing of the best work by teacher and scholar. We believe that a majority of our townspeople will concede that the good secured by bringing the children together and properly grading them would be of inestimable value so far as handling the schools in a manner to get the most for our money expended. The cost of repairing and enlarging the old schoolhouses so that they will be passable, if saved would be just as much towards the cost of a new building. For us to make an estimate upon the cost of new buildings suitable for the purpose would be superfluous, as in such matters we can get just what we are willing to pay for. Probably the least that we could expect to get a four-room building for, suitable for our purpose, would be

\$6,000. As this is a matter in which we all have an interest we now leave it for your consideration and action. We would recommend as appropriations for this year:

Schools,	\$3,700 00
Transportation,	800 00
For salary School Superintendent,	300 00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RESOURCES.

Town appropriation for schools,	\$3,700 00
Town appropriation for transportation,	800 00
Town appropriation for School Superintendent,	300 00
Received from Massachusetts school fund,	444 76
Received tuition of state wards.	131 50
Received from state rebate on account Superintendent of Schools,	200 00
Received from dog fund,	115 83
Received tuition from town of Shelburne,	115 00
Money unexpended from 1901,	362 23
Received from C. P. Hall on account of error.	4 50

\$6,173 82

EXPENDITURES.

Paid old bills,	\$639 64
Teachers,	3,670 00
Transportation,	710 45
Supplies,	357 60
Repairs,	121 54

High school tuition,	\$ 499 00
Cleaning and care of school rooms,	142 11
Fuel,	197 37
Incidentals,	39 70
School Superintendent,	300 00
Truant officers,	28 00

\$6,705 30

OLD BILLS.

Paid Teachers,	\$455 00
Transportation,	116 75
Care of school rooms,	40 95
Incidentals,	16 37
Repairs,	1 82
High school Bernardston,	8 75

\$339 64

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

Paid Florence M. Lyman,	\$102 00
Mary E. Harris,	84 00
Alice M. Thompson,	270 00
Bertha L. Read,	36 00
Judith L. Jones,	90 00
Jennie I. Gurney,	84 00
Edith M. Smith,	154 00
Lena M. Shaw,	35 00
Alta J. Carpenter,	288 00
Katherine E. Burke,	216 00
Daisy L. Call,	234 00
Helen A. Peterson,	270 00
Ethel Loomis,	49 00
Fannie A. Merrill,	300 00
Elsie L. Vincent,	72 00

Paid Ethel J. White,	\$ 180 00
Myra L. Hillman,	168 00
Elsie W. Cronan,	84 00
Evelyn B. Coombs,	144 00
Cora N. Hallam,	162 00
Bessie L. Stanford,	132 00
Louise T. Wetmore,	192 00
Nina N. Dexter,	48 00
Laura E. Braley,	192 00
Anna K. Miller,	84 00
	\$3,670 00

TRANSPORTATION.

Paid I. N. Joy,	\$146 75
C. A. Rugg,	180 00
Thomas O'Brien,	205 20
W. R. Bridges,	126 00
G. H. Nelson,	52 50
	\$710 45

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Paid J. L. Hammond Co.,	\$65 67
T. R. Shewell & Co.,	8 33
American Book Co.,	16 66
Maynard, Merrill & Co.,	5 00
Silver, Bardett & Co.,	62 66
Ginn & Co.,	17 50
Educational Pub Co.,	7 84
E. E. Babb Co.,	57 00
D. C. Heath & Co.,	17 13
Eagle Pencil Co.,	14 80
B. H. Sanborn & Co.,	10 00
Holden Patent Book Cover Co.,	19 00

Paid Town of Shelburne in exchange,	\$ 25 40
Town of Buckland in exchange,	13 42
Incidentals, express and postage,	16 93

\$357 69

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION.

Shelburne,	\$370 00
Greenfield,	129 00

\$499 00

REPAIRS.

A. R. Dennison,	\$93 74
J. W. Tinkham,	3 12
Gottfred Schechertlee,	1 15
E. S. Alexander,	5 63
O. H. Taylor,	2 00
J. F. Smith,	5 16
F. L. Kendrick,	7 29
J. E. Davenport,	2 80
C. J. Moore,	25
C. A. Rugg,	10

\$121 24

FUEL.

Clarence McGee,	\$15 00
Harry Bell,	13 50
C. L. Donelson,	23 99
O. H. Taylor,	12 00
H. A. Howard,	4 33
Lynde Brothers,	1 25
C. J. Moore,	13 50
F. L. Kendrick,	6 25

O. R. Fairbanks,	\$ 12 25
James Looman,	5 00
G. W. Warner,	8 75
H. S. Browning,	14 07
Calvin Coombs,	2 50
J. M. Shearer,	13 00
George F. White,	19 53
Geo. R. Parinton,	3 05
Joseph Jurek,	3 00
Chas. W. Smith,	22 50
Elias Bardwell,	1 90
J. E. Davenport,	2 00

\$197 37

CLEANING AND CARE OF SCHOOL ROOMS.

Lena Shaw,	\$1 50
Katherine E. Burke,	8 20
Mary Storrs,	3 00
Emma Bell,	8 80
Jennie I. Gurney,	1 00
Mrs. H. L. Miner,	40
Herbert M. Peterson,	3 60
Mrs. Looman,	3 00
Jed Brown,	1 40
Della Stone,	1 20
Mabel McCloud,	3 60
Della Mathys,	60
Leo Robeleau,	3 60
Mildred Wood,	3 60
Stella La Plant,	1 20
Edith M. Smith,	1 50
Leon Dennison,	7 50
Samuel Stone,	2 00

Myron Porter,	\$ 6 80
Evelyn B. Coombs,	3 40
Mildred Starkey,	3 60
Guy Miner,	5 32
Daisy L. Call,	3 10
J. W. Tinkham,	2 75
C. A. Rugg,	5 50
Gotfred Schechterlee,	9 70
Flora Cromack,	2 40
Harry Bell,	5 40
Laura Braley,	7 20
Deane Hillman,	1 76
Robert Millert,	4 00
Blanche York,	1 20
Cora Williams,	2 00
Myra L. Hillman,	2 40
Anna K. Miller,	1 20
Willie Looman,	6 28
Bessie C. Stanford,	2 00
Charles W. Smith,	1 00
Fred Bridges,	90
Louis Dufrey	1 80
Elias Bardwell,	1 00
Louise Rabedean,	2 40
Paul Terry,	3 60

\$142 12

INCIDENTALS.

P. H. Chew,	\$7 50
Edith M. Smith,	25
E. C. Smith & Son,	1 77
Smith & Hillman,	1 05
Dennison & Smith,	3 22
C. P. Hall,	19 28

F. E. Cromack,	1 90	
J. E. Davenport,	4 83	
		\$39 80

TRUANT OFFICERS.

C. Webster Smith,	\$10 00	
J. D. Gilchrist,	18 00	
		\$28 00

Expenditures exceed resources, \$531 48

F. E. CROMACK,	} School Committee of Colrain.
J. E. DAVENPORT,	
E. W. COOMBS,	

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Committee of Colrain:

I hereby submit to you and the people of this town my tenth report concerning its schools.

The purpose of a school report is to present to the people of the town a statement of plans and means used for carrying on the work of the schools, something of the results obtained, and recommendations for their improvement. If this be carefully done, the people may come to a better understanding of the general plans of committee and superintendent in the management of the schools, and be in better condition to contribute their part to the general success. It is only when school officers, teachers and the public work together in sympathy with the same common purpose that the schools reach the highest advancement.

TEACHERS.

We have had more than the usual number of changes in our teaching force this year. Making allowance, however, for the disadvantage that comes from such changes, we may feel that our present corps of teachers are maintaining the high standard in character and work that we have had in recent years. The large number of small schools in town, and the consequent low price paid the teachers, are a handicap in securing and retaining teachers of training and experience.

The following are the changes during the year: Miss Thompson was transferred from Shattuckville to Christian Hill; Miss Call from Wilson Hill to Elm Grove; Miss Edith Smith of Hinsdale, N. H., taught at Elm Grove in the spring, and Four Corners in the winter; Mrs. Anna K. Miller of Danvers, Mass., was at Adamsville during the fall term; Miss Evelyn Coombs taught at Four Corners in the fall and Wilson Hill in the winter. At the beginning of the fall term Miss Laurie Wetmore of Ipswich, Mass., was appointed to Shattuckville, with Miss Nina Dexter assistant; Miss Cora Hallam of Shelburne Falls, to Griswoldville Primary; Miss Laura Braley of Putney, Vt., to the Center; Miss Elsie Cronan of Shelburne Falls, to Wilson Hill; Miss Bessie Stanford of Shelburne Falls, to the Churchill, and Miss Myra Hillman to the South school.

As I said above, our teachers, taken collectively, are doing good work and deserve great credit. They are kind to and considerate of the children, courteous to the parents, and loyal to the school authority. Teachers today need to have a high standard all the time. A successful teacher must be educated beyond what he teaches, for his education is his capital. This education needs to be both general and professional. A great scholar frequently makes a poor teacher,

simply because he does not know how to arrange and teach what he knows. The teacher of today is expected to know how, as well as what, to teach. Several of our teachers have arranged to spend the spring vacation at North Adams Normal School studying and observing modern methods of teaching. This is sure to prove helpful to them and our schools.

Parents and citizens are sometimes inclined to criticize the schools and teachers adversely. At such times it would be well to ask if there are the same number of other persons in the town that they would prefer should have the care and education of their children, or if they, who do not sometimes manage their own children well, could do better in the care and training of twenty or thirty children of varied character and disposition, from homes where the training varies from lax to severe. More frequent visits to the schools by parents and citizens would prove helpful to the school in showing an increased interest, and to the visitors in giving them a better appreciation of the difficulties to be overcome, and the spirit and success with which they are met.

ARMS ACADEMY.

In the last report attention was called to the arrangement by which the Academy has become the virtual high school of the town of Shelburne. The bill in the interests of high schools, which passed the last legislature, largely through the influence of Mr. Ward, our representative, has proved helpful to the Academy and is likely to prove more so by putting it upon a more solid foundation than it has had heretofore. The state now pays the tuition of pupils in the Academy for this and other towns in this neighborhood, and also assists the town of Shelburne in maintaining a high school. There has been an attendance of thirteen in the Academy from this

town this year, and there are prospects of a large number the coming year.

During the summer vacation I re-arranged our course of study to agree with our present lines of work, and to suggest some changes which present advancement calls for.

The attendance in some of the schools has been seriously interfered with by sickness, and in one case—at the Foundry—the school was closed for three weeks on that account.

Not so much was done this year in the way of repairs as was really necessary, on account of possible action that the town may take at the annual meeting upon the report of the committee appointed last year to consider the advisability of consolidating some of the schools.

A vestibule was built over the entrance to the Adamsville school, the Bardwell schoolhouse was shingled, new blackboards were put into the South school, and those in other schools repainted.

Two or three houses will need painting this year. As I said last year the Foundry primary room is too small for convenience or health, and should be enlarged.

In regard to the matter of consolidating schools, I suggest the following plan. Build a four-room building near Mr. Looman's ice-house. Unite the children from Griswoldville and Foundry schools in this building, and bring here the children above the fifth grade from the Shattuckville and Centre schools. This will make about one hundred and twenty children, which will necessitate only the finishing of three rooms at present. This will allow the Centre and Shattuckville schools to get on quite comfortably with the remaining children in the primary grades. This plan would do away with one school and the assistant at Shattuckville at a saving of nine or ten dollars a week, while the extra cost for transporting would be five or six dollars a week—a net gain of about four dollars a week, or one hundred and forty

dollars a year. The main advantage, however, would be the bringing children of same grades together in a building with modern facilities and equipment, and thus giving the children the advantage that comes from a well-graded school.

This year completes a decade that I have occupied my present position in the schools of the town. The past year has been like the others, one in which I have enjoyed the kind consideration of the committee, the loyal support of the teachers, and the friendly appreciation of parents and citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES P. HALL,
Superintendent.

TRUANT OFFICERS' REPORT.

Mr. C. P. Hall, Superintendent of Schools:

I hereby submit the following report as truant officer for 1902—3:

Number of cases investigated,	48
Number out sick,	22
Number kept out by parents,	18
Truants,	8

All were returned to school but one.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. GILCHRIST,
Truant Officer.

Mr. C. P. Hall, Superintendent of Schools:

The following is my report for the year 1902—3:

Number cases investigated,	22
Kept out by parents,	12
Truants,	10

All returned to school but one.

Respectfully submitted,

C. WEBSTER SMITH,
Truant Officer.

STATISTICAL TABLE. *

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Terms.	Wages per Month.	Whole No. enrolled.		Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent of Attendance.	Days of Absence.	Cases of Tardiness.	Cases of Dismissal.
				Boys.	Girls.						
Adamsville, Bardwell, Centre, Christian Hill, Churchill, Elm Grove, Foundry Grammar Foundry Primary, Four Corners,	{ Jennie I. Gurney, Ethel J. White, Katherine E. Burke, Florence M. Lyman, Myra L. Hillman, Mary E. Harris, Jennie I. Gurney, Elsie L. Vincent, Mary E. Harris, Edith M. Smith, Mary E. Mowry, Alta J. Carpenter, Helen A. Peterson, Mildred A. Patch, Jennie I. Gurney,	1 2 3 3 2 1 1 1 2 1 2 1 3 2 1	\$30 00 30 00 24 00 32 00 26 00 28 00 26 00 24 00 28 00 28 00 32 00 32 00 30 00 26 00 26 00	22 5 12 10 2 11 13 25 10	9 6 19 9	20 8 7 5 25 3 15 3 9 8 18 6 29 7 28 7 13 8	19 0 6 6 22 4 14 0 9 1 17 8 26 6 25 5 12 1	91 4 87 8 88 3 91 3 92 6 95 6 89 7 88 7 87 8	304 161 506 256 84 146 576 572 267	26 27 43 21 18 15 124 100 43	12 0 30 2 2 2 132 38 24

Gris'ville Gram'r,	{ Elizabeth M. Cleveland	1	\$32 00	10	11	19 8	18 3	92 1	269	125	37
	{ Chas. A. Smith,	1	32 00								
	{ Fannie A. Merrill,	1	32 00								
Gris'ville Primary,	{ Judith L. Jones,	2	30 00	8	14	22 3	20 7	93 4	255	28	25
Shattuckville,	{ May B. Monahan,	1	30 00								
	{ Alice M. Thompson,	3	32 00	24	19	34 3	30 9	90 0	605	300	70
	{ Alta J. Carpenter,	1	28 00								
South,	{ Lena M. Shaw,	1	28 00	9	7	14 6	13 3	91 1	233	48	19
	{ Ethel A. Loomis,	1	28 00								
	{ Clara S. Pierce,	1	24 00								
Wilson Hill	{ Lena M. Shaw,	1	24 00	7	5	8 9	7 7	87 2	174	103	23
	{ Daisy E. Call,	1	24 00								
				168	147	269 4	244 0	90 5	4408	1021	422

* Year Closing June, 1902.

Books and Supplies.

Value of books and supplies on hand

March 1902, \$220 77

Purchased during the year, 357 69

 \$588 46

Issued to schools,

Number Pupils.

Adamsville,	16	\$23 35
Bardwell,	9	17 96
Centre,	23	31 59
Christian Hill,	16	21 88
Churchill,	11	15 48
Elm Grove,	20	38 25
Foundry Grammar,	32	30 10
Foundry Primary,	31	20 53
Four Corners,	11	21 97
Griswoldville Grammar,	19	41 26
Griswoldville Primary,	24	16 29
Shattuckville,	40	42 03
South,	17	40 12
Wilson Hill,	9	18 02

 378 83

Amount on hand March 1, 1903,

\$199 63

288 pupils, with an average cost of \$1.32 per pupil for books
and supplies for the year.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following pupils have not been absent, tardy or dismissed during the number of terms mentioned, closing with fall of 1902:

EIGHT TERMS.

Mabel McCloud.

SIX TERMS.

Pearl Kendrick,
Mildred Starkey.

FIVE TERMS.

Malah Russell,
Inez Wood.

FOUR TERMS.

Frederick Call.

THREE TERMS.

Leon Dennison.

TWO TERMS.

Walter Brown,
William Call,
Lawrence Green,
Ellsworth Kemp,
Adolphus Lavalley,
Ira Miner,
Raymond Starkey,

Flora Bell,
Lena Bell,
Sadie Carr,
Marion Donelson,
Estella La Plant,
Florence McClellan,
Hazel Revoir,
Ellen Storms,
Olive Storms,
Dorothy Warner,

ONE TERM.

David Bowen,	Mildred Apt,
Harry Bowers,	Gertrude Bell,
Jed Brown,	Florence Brigham,
Milton Brown,	Alice Bowen,
George Call,	Edith Bridges,
Frank Chevillier,	Margaret Browning,
Harlow Cobb,	Ruth Bullock,
Noah Coburn,	Marion Clark,
Harvey Copeland,	Ruth Coombs,
Ralph Cram,	Flora Cromack,
Elmer Damon,	Ellen Dunnell,
Francis Duprey,	Hazel Dunnell,
Robert Green,	Maud Gilderdale,
Raymond Herzig,	Nellie Kemp,
Earl Kemp,	Ruth King,
Merle King,	Helen McGee,
Guy McClellan,	Eva Mathys,
Arthur Miller,	Ida Norton,
Guy Miner,	Mary Sessler,
Leo Miner,	Mildred Temple,
Roscoe Nichols,	Ethel Wood,
Russell Nichols,	Goldie Wood,
Frederic Sessler,	Mildred Wood,
Amasu Shippee,	Olive Wood.
Earl Temple,	
Forrest Temple,	
Walter Underwood.	

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

RESOURCES.

Town appropriation for books,	\$75 00	
Town appropriation for salary of librarian and rent,	75 00	
Received from fines,	2 49	
		\$152 49

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for books,	\$75 01	
Librarian's salary and rent,	75 00	
Express,	3 65	
		\$153 66

Expenditures exceed re-
sources, \$1 17

Number of volumes in library, Feb. 17, 1902,	1620
Number of volumes added by purchase,	60
Number of volumes added by gift;	168
Number of volumes in library March 20, 1903,	1848
Number of volumes loaned from libra- ry,	2188
Number of volumes loaned from East Colrain,	240
Number of volumes loaned from Chris- tian Hill,	335
Number of volumes loaned from Elm Grove,	191
Total circulation,	2951

We recommend as appropriations this year,

Librarian and rent,	\$75 00
Purchase of books,	75 00

F. E. CROMACK,	} Trustees.
J. E. DAVENPORT,	
E. W. COOMBS,	

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the accounts of the School Committee this day, also books and accounts of the Librarian and Library Trustees, and find them correct.

Respectfully submitted,

H. O. SCOTT, Auditor.

COLRAIN, March 25, 1903.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Town of Colrain
for the year ending March 14th, 1904.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand March 25th, 1903	\$ 5 11
Cash from Shelburne Falls and Colrain St. R. R. Co.	42 00
Shelburne Falls National Bank, temporary loan	4000 00
Town of Greenfield, ac- count of poor	12 99
Chas. P. Hall, Supt., over- payment on books	4 50
P. Looman, butcher's license	1 00
Ross Purrington, butcher's license	1 00
Louis Chevelier, butcher's license	1 00
Winfield Canedy, account of gravel	3 00
Town of West Boylston, account of poor	329 89
State Treasurer, account of education of state children	55 00
Supt. of schools	200 00
inspection of animals	56 62
corporation tax	469 32
national bank tax	201 82
state aid	480 00
tuition	487 00
income of Mass. school fund	929 85
J. E. Davenport, account of burial lots	6 00

C. J. Russell, account of innholder's license	\$	1 00
District Court of Franklin, account of fines		5 00
George W. Warner, acct. of auctioneer's license		2 00
E. A. Newcomb Co., treasurer, dog money re-		
funded		91 06
Town of Shelburne, account of tuition		115 00
Trustees of Quintus Allen fund		92 88
A. H. Temple, collector, account of tax of 1904	13647	74
Walden & Gilchrist, over-payment		1 00
Louis Chevillier, account of burial lot		2 00
Levi Davenport, fund		126 14
John M. Shearer, over-payment		60
		\$21,370 52

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Selectmen's orders	\$13742	39
School Committee's orders	7105	89
Assessors' abatements	41	50
Cash on hand	480	74
		\$21,370 52

Town's Indebtedness.

E. H. Gay & Co.	\$5000	00
Greenfield Savings Bank	1500	00
Shelburne Falls Savings Bank	395	00
		\$6895 00

R. C. HILLMAN, Treasurer.

Colrain, Mass., March 14, 1904.

I have this day finished my examination of the books of the Town Treasurer and find them correct, with a balance in his hands of \$480.74.

H. O. SCOTT, Auditor.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

R. C. HILLMAN, Town Clerk, in account with the Town of Colrain, 1903—1904.

DR.

Cash received from 91 licenses male dogs, \$2.00	\$182 00
9 licenses, female dogs, \$5.00,	45 00
	\$227 00

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Cash paid county treasurer	\$207 00
Clerk's fees	20 00
	\$227 00

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Paid for Highways and Bridges.

P. Reil	\$ 9 75	Perry Gallupe	\$ 45 09
Thomas Looman	12 30	Samuel Wood	4 20
Geo. Rabadeau	13 80	Percy Wood	4 28
F. L. Kendrick	53 63	Thomas Looman	29 10
Geo. E. Allen	5 13	J. E. Bowen	5 70
C. E. Slate & Son	15 75	F. L. Ware	1 50
Geo. Rabadeau	5 25	J. C. Miner	2 02
Thomas Looman	15 75	Geo. R. Patterson	34 16
F. L. Ware	2 10	O. H. Taylor	1 50
H. Newell & Co.	4 11	Ozro Thompson	3 98
Thomas Looman	28 05	C. H. Cromack	3 60
F. W. Damon	6 00	J. L. Clark	45
H. J. Smith	100 00	G. A. Thompson	3 68
Geo. W. Fairbanks	25 00	Fannie B. Shippie	1 80
Thomas Looman	32 85	Walter Kelley	2 50
Geo. F. White	127 55	James Looman	2 85
Albert Herzig	2 25	E. M. Dwight	12 75
Rudolph Herzig	3 00	E. O. Vincent	2 50
Geo. R. Patterson	5 41	F. M. Thompson	1 20
A. A. Smith	7 50	Joe Jurak	6 00
Albert Herzig	3 00	E. W. Clark	3 00
H. J. Smith	25 00	Levi O. Davenport	1 88
C. D. Miner	3 00	W. H. Bardwell	16 50
Avery Bros.	29 20	C. M. Fairbanks	7 90
C. N. Carpenter	10 00	J. A. Dwight & Son	2 60
Esia Auger	1 80	J. E. Shearer	6 45
C. W. Hillman	1 50	Amos Stewart	30 19
Joseph Liveley	28 05	Wm. D. Mayer	1 50
M. S. Harris	1 80	C. J. Moore	6 25
Michael Looman	18 15	F. L. Purrington	2 10

Stetson Bros.	\$ 5 85	J. A. Galvin	\$ 8 50
E. R. Cobb	4 58	H. Newell & Co.	5 90
R. C. Porter	2 00	F. P. Bell	1 50
J. B. Cromack & Son	2 83	M. M. Johnson	13 77
Avery Bros.	2 25	S.F. & C.St.Ry.Co.	1 73
M. O. Nichols	1 57	Chas. E. Phillips	4 20
C. L. Donelson	49 95	H. R. Donelson	10 35
W. S. Allard	28 23	E. F. Copeland	29 02
Eli J. Burrington	10 50	C. B. Dennison	3 75
F. W. Purrington	13 57	H. C. Cromack	75
Fred Schechterle	8 00	Christian Finck	4 50
Arthur L. Fish	1 50	Matthew Collis	2 25
Harry Bell	9 00	Geo. P. Morton	22 66
Chas. F. White & Son	12 67	Geo. H. Fisk	7 39
J. P. Sturtevant	16 06	Wayne Hillman	10 00
R. W. Stacy & Son	5 70	Miner White	9 00
Wm. D. Smith	81 00	Wm. Martin	12 75
F. L. Kendrick	25 85	W. H. Kemp	14 60
Horace Kemp	18 30	J. B. Clark	8 25
A. A. Smith	3 00	Frank Gilifault	1 50
R. M. Coombs	1 35	H. J. Smith	77 50
Perry Gallupe	16 75	Fred H. Smith	1 80
W. R. Bridges	30	Chas. W. Smith	4 00
A. O. Nelson	2 00	Wm. D. Smith	7 17
Mary Nelson	4 95	J. B. Cromack & Son	1 00
G. A. Thompson	3 00	Geo. R. Patterson	4 50
F. E. Cromack	4 50	Daniel Cary	2 17
J. E. Shearer	33 37	Chas. W. Smith	4 50
O. R. Fairbanks	8 40	Chas. Roberts	2 62
J. M. Shearer	19 98	Everett M. Johnson	9 60
Eli Stone	1 50	F. W. Purrington	5 25
F. S. Fairbanks	3 00	H. O. Scott	7 50
Horace Browning	35 70	Geo. H. Nelson	7 05
Smith & Hillman	4 18	Robert Miller	4 72
Robert Miller	5 63	H. B. Miller	6 00
John O. Cary	3 00	H. J. Smith	31 00

B. L. Call	\$4 60	Geo. W. Cary	\$23 80
Elias Bardwell	2 10	Walden & Gilchrist	12
		F. A. Dunnell	45
			\$1673 69

Graveling Green River Road.

Amos Stewart	\$18 60	C. B. Dennison	\$ 27 00
Geo. P. Morton	5 00	Harry Larabee	3 00
Miner & White	12 00	Wm. Martin	12 00
W. H. Kemp	15 00	Horace Kemp	25 50
			\$118 10

Breaking Roads.

John Budney	\$ 60	R. W. Stacy & Son	\$ 4 00
Albert Herzig	4 35	Gilbert Lynde	1 95
E. W. Clark	1 00	W. R. Bridges	90
M. S. Harris	3 30	Mary A. Nelson	90
James H. Carr	2 70	Wayne Hillman	5 70
R. W. Stacy & Son	45	F. A. Dunnell	2 25
J. A. Dwight & Son	1 80	Geo. H. Nelson	3 45
M. M. Johuson	1 50	J. H. Howard	4 50
E. F. Copeland	2 00	Geo. O. Dunnell	1 80
F. E. Cromack	1 50	Elias Bardwell	3 90
Arthur L. Fish	13 95	Albert Herzig	32 40
Rudolph Herzig	8 17	Jessie Herzig	7 72
James H. Carr	8 70	Efford H. Underwood	9 37
J. B. Cromack & Son	6 10	Chas. Roberts	60
			\$137 36

Removing Ice from Green River Road.

Mat. Collis	\$4 05	Wm. Mayer	\$ 5 20
C. B. Dennison	12 00	Horace Browning	4 80
			\$26 05

Town Officers.

C. Webster Smith, inspector	\$ 7 10
F. E. Cromack, assessor	40 00
F. W. Purrington, sexton	4 00
J. E. Brown, ballot clerk	4 00
H. A. Howard, inspector	108 50
F. M. Avery, registrar	8 00
E. L. Kendrick, constable	8 90
H. F. Purrington, inspector	16 75
M. M. Johnson, sexton	2 00
O. D. Kemp, sexton	2 00
Geo. F. Kelly, election officer	2 00
F. A. Dunnell, assessor	42 50
R. C. Hillman, clerk and treasurer	85 00
Robert Miller, sexton	4 00
Dr. J. W. Cram, clerk, board of health	12 35
H. A. Howard, inspector	41 60
J. H. Howard, assessor	33 75
H. B. Miller, ballot clerk	4 00
Elias Bardwell, registrar	10 00

F. E. Cromack, school committee	\$ 25 00
J. B. Clark, hearse man	34 00
J. E. Davenport, school committee	36 25
election officer	4 00
sexton	16 00
F. L. Kendrick, constable	4 65
J. H. Howard, assessor	1 25
J. C. Thompson, constable	6 00
C. L. Brigham, ballot clerk	4 00
W. H. Kemp, selectman	40 00
Everett M. Johnson, school committee	16 25
C. L. Donelson, selectman	65 00
F. W. Purrington, selectman	60 00
A. H. Temple, tax collector	125 00
H. O. Scott, auditor	10 00
	\$ 883 85

Support of Poor.

Wm. E. Southworth:—

Geo. W. Warner	\$ 337 70
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Frank E. Southworth:—

Geo. W. Warner	\$ 225 14
Dr. J. W. Cram	1 00
	\$ 226 14

Carrel Vincent:—

Geo. W. Warner	\$ 239 78
Dr. J. W. Cram	2 50
W. A. Johnson	20 00
Rev. W. H. Davenport	2 00
	\$ 264 28

Oscar Call:—		
E. C. Smith & Son	\$ 74 07	
Charolette Call	95 00	
		\$ 169 07

Rachael Jeffords:—		
John McCallman	\$	156 43

Mary Markle:—		
Lewis F. Babbitt, Treas.	\$ 81 71	
Dr. J. W. Cram	7 25	
F. W. Purrington	4 25	
Elsie M. Donelson, taking Markle in-		
fant to Boston	8 00	
		\$ 101 21

Lena Zimmerman:—		
City of Fall River	\$	22 00

Edwin R. Cram:—		
C. L. Donelson, expenses to		
Hardwick	\$	5 34

C. Wallace:—		
Town of Greenfield	\$	14 00

Joe Heizig:—		
Walden & Gilchrist	\$ 9 00	
Dr. J. W. Cram	19 50	
		\$ 28 50

Chas. Hastings:—		
Town of Westfield	\$	89 20

Mrs. Francis Thompson:—		
City of Worcester	\$	62 00

Mrs. Henry Miller:—

Ross E. Purrington	\$ 27 91	
E. C. Smith & Son	44 81	
Dr. F. J. Canedy	5 00	
Dr. J. W. Cram	25 75	
S. E. Temple	5 50	
Roxey Richards	29 00	
F. W. Purrington	40	
J. B. Cromack & Son	12 38	
	\$	150 75

Nelson Lamoire:—

Cyriel Maynard	\$ 24 00	
Lewis F. Babbitt, Treas.	20 89	
Dr. J. W. Cram	13 25	
F. W. Purrington	2 55	
	\$	60 69

Cyriel Maynard:—

Walden & Gilchrist	\$ 47 71	
Geo. Mathys	4 53	
Dr. J. A. Mather	6 75	
	\$	58 99

Mrs. Henry Underwood:—

Dr. J. W. Cram	\$	3 00
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Mrs. Emma Patnode:—

Griswoldville Mfg Co.	\$ 24 96	
Smith & Hillman	123 54	
Ross E. Purrington	44 26	
Dr. J. W. Cram	8 00	
	\$	200 76

Chas. Walker:—

H. A. Howard	\$	1 00
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Wilbord Rilangen's infant:—

Dr. J. W. Cram	\$	9 00
	\$	1960 06

Paid old bills	\$	134 59
County tax		1442 85
State tax		575 00
State Highway tax		91 50
Memorial Day		50 00
Fire District tax		558 62

Town Debt and Interest.

Paid interest	\$	418 40
debt		1000 00
		\$ 1418 40
Temporary loan	\$	4000 00

State Aid.

Paid State Aid beneficiaries	\$	516 00
F. W. Purrington, on account of State Aid beneficiaries		3 00
		\$ 519 00

Highway Damage.

Paid on account of Sarah J. Donelson

case, F. L. Greene, counsel,	\$100 00	
C. L. Donelson, fees paid	3 60	
C. L. Donelson, agent	7 50	
Dr. J. A. Mather	2 00	
		\$ 113 10
Wm. Martin	\$ 10 00	
Robert M. Coombs	1 50	
		\$ 11 50
		\$ 124 60

Resources of Town.

Due from state on account aid	\$ 516 00
West Boylston on account of poor	123 20
state on account of inspection of animals	33 45
Bay State Construction Co. use of motor	45 00
	\$ 717 65

Recapitulation.

Amount Appropriated.		Amount Expended.
\$2400 00	Highways and bridges including breaking roads	\$ 1811 05
100 00	Graveling Green River road	118 10
1400 00	Support of Poor	1960 06
500 00	State aid	516 00
160 00	Incidentals	247 91
800 00	Town Officers	883 85
1360 00	County Tax	1442 85

350 00	State tax	575 00
1000 00	Town debt	1000 00
420 00	Interest	418 40
	Temporary loan	4000 00
1200 00	Old bills	134 59
100 00	State Highway tax	91 50
	Memorial Day	50 00
	Removing ice from Green River road	26 05
	Highway damage	124 60
		\$13,399 96

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. DONELSON,	} Selectmen
F. W. PURRINGTON,	
W. H. KEMP,	
	of
	Colrain.

Colrain, March 12, 1904.

I have this day examined the bills presented to the Selectmen of Colrain for the past year, compared same with orders given, and certify that they are correct.

H. O. SCOTT, Auditor.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

COMPLETE LIST OF TAXABLE PROPERTY MAY 1, 1903.

Personal.		Real.	Personal.		Real.
Avery Bros.	\$ 856	\$3100	Bushey, Henry	\$	\$ 540
Allard, W. S.	200	1730	Bullock, A. R.		400
Alexander, E. S.	522	1390	Brown, O. M.	1019	3100
Auger, Esia	55	500	Baldic, Joseph		450
Apt, W. H.	595		Barnes, W. E.	421	975
Apt, Helen M.		2050	Booth, Nora E.		600
Ariel, Henry E.	30	600	Brown, F. A.	1220	360
Ashtan, Arthur J.		350	Baldic, Lawrence	292	700
			Bennett, Joseph	109	275
Brown, Frank L.	1053	1200	Bolton, E. S.	160	
Bardwell, W. H.	554	1925	Burdett, Fred	140	
Booth, E. P.	158	900	Bowen, Fred	35	
Bell, Mrs. J. A.	60	525	Boyle, Javid	20	
Bell, Walter, heirs		150	Boyle, Louis	20	
Brown, D. H.	80	570			
Burrington, A. L.	160	850	Crosier, M. B.	320	800
Burrington, J. W.	40	800	Coombs Calvin,	1318	4285
Bowen, John E.	297	950	Cromack, H. C.	473	1800
Browning, H. S.	750	2475	Carpenter, J. W.	623	1700
Bardwell, Elias	217	1600	Carpenter, A. N.	27	
Burrington, Eli J.		750	Congregational		
Brigham, C. L.	454	2300	society		1000
Baptist Soc'y, 1st		1000	Carr, James H.	342	335
Buck, Addie S.		250	Carpenter, C. L.		
Booth, Nancy J.		1050	estate		260
Brigham, F. L.	533	1375	Cobb, Mrs. S. C.		400
Bell, Harry		500	Cobb, Edwin R.	369	20
Bell, Ida M.	105		Cary, Geo. W.	1660	930
Bridges, W. R.	720	1550	Call, Orson	194	875

Personal.		Real.	Personal.		Real.
Call, Mrs. H. M.	\$ 336	\$ 750	Churchill, G. E.	\$	\$ 160
Call, Oscar E.		350	Coburn, Moses	30	
Clark, Joel L.	314	800	Clement, Samuel	90	
Cary, W. W.	270	2925	Carpenter, W. S.	30	
Cary, W. W.			Crooks, C. M.	150	
& Son	1050	2050			
Clark, J. B. &			Davenport, S. G.		425
Son	791	1700	Davenport, J. E.	479	1000
Clark, John L.	343	1800	Davenport, C. E.	383	2600
Cromack, J. B.			Davenport, A. O.	250	75
& Son	1037	3250	Davenport, J. E.	962	3000
Casey, Daniel W.	30	350	Davenport, L. O.	112	200
Carpenter, C. N.	179	1750	Davenport, E. L.	348	1460
Copeland, E. F.	1085	2850	Dunnell, F. A.	764	1600
Coombs, E. W.	100	1075	Dunnell, Geo. O.	404	1300
Coombs, R. M.	1009	3800	Dewey, Henry W.		675
Carpenter, Mrs.			Dennison, Henry		800
Julia M.		800	Dwight, J. A.		
Cutting, Edw. T.	500	2000	& Son	784	1850
Curtis, Mrs. S. J.		1500	Donelson, H. R.	748	2750
Clark, Mrs. Fi-			Donelson, C. L.	993	3500
delia		550	Donelson, W. H.	679	1800
Curtis, J. H.		450	Dennison, C. B.		
Clark, E. W. &			& Son	457	1500
Olive Fisher	561	934	Dennison &		
Cram, John W.	350	2500	Smith	4260	
Cromack, F. E.	566	1180	Darling, W. W.	433	2400
Call, Byron L.	248	1850	Dexter, Hoyt		1375
Chevalier, Louis	316	1100	Day, Samuel	270	700
Corlis, Matt.	197	575	Dobias, John	120	800
Cole, James W.		1000	Dunton, Zenas		350
Cressy, W. W.	275	165	Dwight, E. M.	700	3000
Cromack, C. H.	157	825	Dennison, A. E.		75
Coburn, Noah		150	Davenport, W. H.	115	800
Churchill, Fred		250	Damon, F. W.	300	

Personal.		Real.	Personal.		Real.
Deane, E. J.	\$ 25	\$	Harris, Lawrence	\$107	\$ 700
Fairbanks, F.S.	260	500	Hager, Leon S.	107	400
Fairbanks, C.M.	497	1090	Harris, M. G.	844	2500
Fairbanks Bros.		275	Herzig, Phillip		500
Fairbanks, O. R.	530	1150	Horan, Anthony	150	
Fairbanks, L. W.	125	1100	Hayden, Henry	35	
Fink, Christian	418	1305			
Fink, Fred	225	560	Jeffords' heirs and		
Fish, Arthur and			Sarah M. Jeffords		534
Mary Nichols	559	400	Jefford, F. W.	65	
Falkner, David S.	130		Johnson, M. M.	460	2180
Field, Frank S.	352		Johnson, S. B.	417	1500
Galvin, James	1061	3325	Joy, Mrs. H. R.		800
Gunn, Mrs. A.M.	684	2600	Joy, Irvin N.	278	900
Griswold, Joseph			Jurik, Joseph	205	675
heirs		300	Johnson, E. M.	40	
Green, G. P.		250			
Gallipault, Frank	310	850	Kemp, Horace	1265	3180
Gallupe, Perry C.	775	1200	Kemp, O. D.	721	1100
Gilchrist, J. D.	85		Kemp, W. H.	766	2400
Gillipault, Fred	5		Kendrick, O. B.	194	1560
Griswold, Lo-			Kendrick, F. L.	585	2225
renzo	5925		Kendrick, Ed.	85	880
Gilderdale, H.B.	40		Kelly, Walter	40	650
Griswoldville					
Mf'g. Co.	59775	50000	Looman, Thomas		150
Hillman, E. W.	374	760	Looman, Michael	287	1050
Hinsdale, A. W.	222	1400	Looman, Patrick	465	1110
Hillman, Wayne	1194	1825	Looman, James R.	273	900
Howard, H. A.	418	825			
Howard, J. H.	311	1800	Lively Joseph	741	2900
Howard, H. M.		700	LaClair, Mrs. M.	74	1000
Hathaway, G. E.	10	600	Lusty, David &		
Herzig, Albert	290	500	Son	290	1100
Herzig, Rudolph	325	1400	Lamaraux, Nelson	30	825

Personal.		Real.	Personal.		Real.
Lynde, G. D.	\$ 541	\$	Markel, Wm.	\$	\$ 75
Lynde, Fannie E.		600	Miller, Geo.	75	
Lavalley, Joseph	30		Mather, John A.	125	
LaRock, Frank	5		Massaemett Yarn		
Leavitt, M. A.	195		Mills	11800	15190
LaPier, C.	120				
Larabee, Harry	290		Nelson, A. O.	465	1850
Lanchester, Wm.	90		Nelson, Mrs. M.	380	1600
			Nichols, M. O.	656	1200
Matteson, G. E.	540	950	Nelson Geo. H.	966	1125
McGee, C. C.	200		Nichols, O. F.	135	300
McGee, Emlly S.		750			
Moore, L. B. & Son	235	1325	Purrington, F. L.	291	1150
Martin, R. E.	350	1320	Purrington, F. W.	1520	4350
Meacham, H. S.	300		Purrington, H. F.	60	
McClellan, J. F.	725	2725	Purrington, R. E.	869	2100
Maxam, C. W.	385	1115	Purrington, N. H.	724	1700
McCloud, F. A.	336	1200	Pierce, D. M.	279	1300
Merrifield, F. L.	1695	2625	Pierce, G. L.	682	2500
McGee, C. W.	314	850	Pike, Mrs. M.		350
Martin, Wm.	257	1200	Peterson, H. M.	190	1300
Marcy, C. A.	1250	5675	Peterson, Myron	484	1700
Miner & White	789	1450	Porter, R. C.	234	625
Morley, Lizzie		345	Patterson, G. R.	100	700
Miller, H. B.	707	2175	Parker, E. J.	130	700
Miner, J. N.	378		Purrington, G. R.	773	2600
McClellan, G. E.	150	150	Purrington, Mrs. F.		450
Miller, Robert	296	2185	Purrington, Ida M.		920
Methodist Soc'y		1000	Peters, Herbert	30	750
Miner, Mrs. J. C.	80	400	Pelcher, E.	220	
Morris, Alfred		225	Pitt, Geo. W.	175	
Miller, B. F.	205	1600	Purrington, J. M.	50	
Morton, Geo. P.	470	1400	Purrington, H.	60	225
Miner, Clinton	301	1400			

Personal.		Real.	Personal.		Real.
Roberts Bros.	\$ 707	\$2500	Stetson Bros.	\$ 827	\$2650
Read, Mrs. G. A.		1200	Stratton, L. W.	30	1300
Russell, Mrs. G. A.		800	Stacy, R. W. &		
Reil, Fred	501	900	Son	559	1400
Russell, C. J.	885	4500	Scott, H. O. &		
Russell, Mrs. M.	1000		Son	994	3400
Richards, Thos.	65	550	Shippee, Mrs. F.		
Roberts, Mrs. L.		600	B. & Daughters	50	400
Revoir, Peter	65		Sturtevant, J. P.	429	750
Reil, Peter	30		Stone, Eli	185	800
Rabideau, Geo.	30		Stone, Samuel	209	1400
			Stone, Moses	40	440
Smith & Hill-			Shearer, J. M.	378	1300
man	2800	1250	Sherman, J. P.	145	525
Smith, Chas. W.	1015	4050	S. F. & Colrain		
Smith, C. W.	90	600	St. Railway		800
Smith, A. A.	608	2925	Smead, Thomas	457	2450
Smith, Henry J.	427	950	Schechterle, G.	535	2500
Smith, E. B.	182	1625	Surprise, Edw.	42	
Smith, Chester			Shearer, James	380	1500
W.	1270	4125	Smith, A. L.	75	
Smith, E. C. &			Thompson, Milo		
Son	2920	1350	& Son	853	2200
Smith, A. C.	200	1050	Taylor, O. H.	210	725
Shearer, T. C. es-			Thomas, A. L.	600	585
tate		750	Thompson, F. M.		
Snow, David		50	& Mrs. C. J.	435	1900
Spurr, Mrs. Antis		1395	Thompson, D. F.	312	1200
Stewart & Root	838	2350	Thompson, H. W.	868	2150
Sessler, Wm.	345	1550	Thompson, G. A.	200	1200
Stewart, E. B.	466	2700	Temple, A. H.		
Stewart Amos	444	1700	& Son	117	1400
Stewart, L. B.	264	800	Temple, S. E.	1081	3250
Shaw, Kate		500	Thompson, Jane		500
Starkey, F. A.	254	1000	Tinkham, J. W.	37	1000

Personal.		Real.	Personal.		Real.
Thompson,			White, C.F. &		
Levi H.	\$ 556	\$1550	Son	\$1143	\$2000
Thompson, J. W.	170	450	Warner, Geo. W.	737	2725
Terry, W. R.	100		Wood, S. E.	214	800
			Walden & Gil-		
Underwood, Ef-			christ	1000	
ford	90	600	Warner, Geo. P.	30	
			Ware, Fred	70	
Vincent, O. E.	15	150	Weed, M. S.	120	
Vincent, C. H.		275	Wheeler, S. W.	50	
Vincent, Ida L.	50				
			York, Mrs. Geo.		
Wheeler, S. N.	1168	3950	estate		500
White, Luke	90	475	York, John O.	125	

Non-Resident Tax Payers.

Allen, S. Sons	\$	\$ 425	Gillett, R. W.	\$	\$ 300
Allen, Sylvanus		600			
			Hobart, E. D.		500
Barber, Matthew		1200	Handforth,		
Ballou, Francis		50	Henry est.		600
Billings, Mrs.					
Abbie		500	Johnson, Lewis,		
			heirs		700
Conant, Mrs.			Johnson, A. C.		475
Sarah		950	Jefford, Charles		260
Clapp, J. W.		800			
Clouchie, Louis		325	Kinsman, W. E.		300
			Kemp, W. S.	422	1600
Davenport, F. L.		150			
Dennison, A. J.		50	Loomis, Austin		
			D.		500
Everett, Mrs.			Lowe, Ira A.	460	1800
S. P.	1000		Lynde, Bros.		135
			Long, S. M. est.		500
Graves, A. T.		400			

Personal.	Real.	Personal.	Real.
Leach, Whitman \$	\$ 500	Steel, G. H. \$	\$ 70
		Shaw, Eliger	125
Marcy, C.D.W.	1000	Smith, A. Byron	40
Newton, M. L.	125	Truesdale, Kate	100
Noyes, Chas. D.	1229	Tribe, Thomas	50
		Tenney, Herman	
O'Brien, D. J.	173	E.	200
Purrington, M. S.		Upton, F. S.	75
& Son	300	Upton & Williams	575
Richmond, A. A.		Vanvalken-	
estate	350	burg, J.	100
Richmond, Lorenzo	350		
Ross, R. S.	100	Woodward, E.	
		G.	150
Shearer, T. R.	1750	Worden, Chas.	160
Shearer, Mrs. H. S.	225	Ware, E. B.	500
Smith, E. W. estate	500		
Smith, Zeri	1400	Yeld, Paul	150
Smead, Chas. W.	150		

List of Abatements on Taxes for 1903.

John Bass	\$2 00	Amos Black	\$ 2 00
Mike Hammer	2 00	Francis Duprey	2 00
Oscar Call	7 00	Eden Fairbanks	2 00
Fred Morgan	2 00	John James	2 00
Fred Hattie	2 00	James Lucha	2 00
Walter LaPier	2 00	Fred Wheeler	2 00
E. W. Coombs	2 00	John Zapin	2 00
Anthony Horan	50	Henry Richards	2 00
C. A. Marcy	2 00		
John Budny	2 00		\$ 41 50
C. N. Bradley	2 00		

Table of Aggregates.

Number Polls assessed	468
Residents assessed on property	350
Non-residents assessed on property	52
Horses assessed	473
Cows assessed	937
Cattle other than cows assessed	813
Sheep	939
Swine	178
Dwelling houses	336
Acres of land	25,567
Value of assessed personal estate	\$190,823 00
Value of assessed real estate	426,863 00
Total valuation assessed estate	\$617,686 00
Rate of total tax per \$1,000	\$20 00
Total tax	\$13,289 72

Fire District No. 1.

Amount of personal estate assessed	\$11,428 00
Amount of real estate assessed	36,295 00
Total valuation assessed estate	\$47,723 00
Rate of tax per \$1,000	\$7 50
Total fire tax raised	\$358 02

FRANK A. DUNNELL,	} Assessors of Colrain.
FRANK E. CROMACK,	
JAMES H. HOWARD,	

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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TOWN OF COLRAIN

FOR THE

Year 1903===1904.



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GREENFIELD, MASS.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1904-1905.

SPRING TERM.—Begins Monday, April 4; ends Friday, June 24, twelve weeks.

FALL TERM.—Begins Monday, August 22; ends Friday November 18, thirteen weeks.

WINTER TERM.—Begins Monday, November 28; ends Friday, February 17, eleven weeks.

VACATION.—December 17 to December 26.

HOLIDAYS.—Patriots' Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day.

School Committee.

FRANK E. CROMACK, Chairman,

JONATHAN E. DAVENPORT, Secretary,

EVERETT M. JOHNSON,

CHAS. P. HALL, Superintendent.

Truant Officers.

FRANK A. BENNETT,

FRED L. KENDRICK.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

CITIZENS OF COLRAIN:

In presenting you our annual report, we shall only report that part of the school management which comes directly under the control and action of the committee. In these days of school superintendence by superintendents, the work of the school-room is under the direction of the superintendent rather than the committee, leaving the finances and all that pertains to the furnishing of the school houses, hiring of teachers, and business of that nature to the committee. For this reason we shall call your careful attention to the report of the superintendent to the committee, as it contains many valuable items of suggestion and information. As we know that you look to us for the success or failure of our schools, since *all*, the superintendent not excepted, is under the control of the school committee, we have striven to make ourselves familiar with the work that is being done in the school rooms. One year ago, at your request, we investigated the matter of school consolidation, with what success our report was received you well know. We called your attention to some needed repairs, which if we were to go on as we are, must be done; they have now become imperative. We would call your attention to the school at the Foundry village where there were enrolled during the past year seventy pupils. The primary room is too small for health or profit. We advise the enlarging of that building so that there will be room enough for the profitable management of the school. We are placed in a position in regard to the school house at Griswoldville, where is but one thing to do, viz., to do something.

There has never been a water closet connected with that school building but accommodation has been found in the closets belonging to the houses near by in the village. In the onward march of civilization the Griswoldville Mfg Co. has put modern closets in nearly all their houses, and this spring propose to remove the last of the old style out of door closets, this makes it an absolute necessity for the town to provide a place for itself, as we have only the land upon which the building stands and there is no room in the building that can be used for that purpose, it presents a serious problem which must be met. We find upon making a balance of our accounts that we have \$427.39 unexpended. We have paid about \$200.00 more in High school tuitions than last year, this will come back to us in due time. Had it not been for the increase in the amount received from the Mass. School Fund, we should have had a small deficit instead of the surplus as given. Massachusetts shows great generosity in her aid of our schools. We ask your careful reading of the following extracts from a document sent your committee by the State Board of Education.

TO SCHOOL COMMITTEES—PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.

“The entire income of the school fund is distributed to the towns whose valuations do not exceed \$2,500,000.

This will give to towns which raise an amount by taxation for schools *not less than that heretofore raised, approximately* double the amount they have previously received, depending upon the yearly income of the fund, which was less this year than was anticipated.

PURPOSE OF THE LAW.

“The purpose of the law is improvement of schools not a reduction of local taxation.

The amount of money received from the State yearly will depend upon the valuation of a town, the tax rate, and the *ratio* of the *appropriation* for *support of the public schools* to the *total appropriation* for *town expenses*.

MONEY EXPENDED—RETURNS MADE.

“The sums received by any town under the provisions of this act shall be held by the town treasurer and *shall be expended only for expenses in maintenance of the public schools* authorized by the *school committee*, in accordance with existing laws; and it shall be the duty of the treasurer to keep a separate account of all sums so received and expended, and the school committee shall make an annual report to the state board of education, of the amount received during each year, the amount expended and the purpose for which such expenditures have been made. And whenever it appears that, in the opinion of the state board of education, the sums paid to any town have *not been used* in whole or in part in accordance with the provisions of this section, or that they have not been held and accounted for separately, or that the report thereof herein required has not been made, the commissioners of the school fund are hereby authorized *to withhold*, as they may deem advisable the whole or any part of the *future allowances* otherwise falling to such town under the provisions of this act.”

We think with an appropriation equal to that of last year we shall be able to make the changes suggested at the Foundry village school house and the needed repairs in other places. We have looked a long time for a way whereby we could improve our schools and bring them up to the standing of our neighbors in other towns. The new allotment of the income of the Mass. school fund answers the question in part. We ask each of you to carefully examine our list of resources and see the amount of outside aid Colrain is receiving for its schools. We would recom-

mend as an appropriation for its coming year the same as one year ago.

Appropriation for Schools	\$4500 00
Appropriation for Superintendent	300 00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RESOURCES.

Town appropriation for schools	\$ 3700 00
Town appropriations for transportation	800 00
Town appropriation for school superintendent	300 00
Received from Massachusetts school fund	927 85
Received tuition of state wards	50 00
Received from State rebate on account of superintendent of schools	200 00
Received from dog fund	91 06
Received tuition from town of Shelburne	115 00
Received from Quintus Allen fund	92 88
Received High school tuition from state	487 00
	\$ 6763 79

EXPENDITURES.

Paid old bills	\$ 4 20
Teachers	3692 00
Transportation	746 40
Supplies	329 59
Repairs	143 08
High school tuition	698 50

Paid	Cleaning and care of school rooms	\$ 129 98
	Fuel	226 21
	Incidentals	49 19
	School superintendent	300 00
	Truant officers	17 25
		\$6336 40
Resources exceed expenditures		\$ 427 39

OLD BILLS.

Paid	Blanche York	\$ 1 20
	Lewis Martin	3 00
		\$ 4 20

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

Paid	Daisy Call	\$ 84 00
	Laurie F. Wetmore	288 00
	Nina Dexter	173 00
	Cora Hallam	78 00
	Helen Peterson	90 00
	Alice Thompson	84 00
	Fannie Merrill	102 00
	Alta Carpenter	300 00
	Edith Smith	264 00
	Bessie Stanford	72 00
	Laura Braley	288 00
	Elsie Matteson	106 00
	Evelyn Coombs	72 00
	Ethel White	251 00
	Katherine Burke	228 00
	Alice Chapman	55 00
	Mildred Patch	175 00

Paid	Grace Cunningham	\$ 40 00
	Helen Church	96 00
	Elsie Cronan	168 00
	Florence Thompson	152 00
	Eva Copeland	60 00
	Hope Hotchkiss	149 00
	Bessie Hillman	144 00
	Sadie Miller	77 00
	Myra Hillman	96 00
		\$3692 00

TRANSPORTATION.

Paid	Thomas O'Brien	\$ 202 80
	S. E. Wood	144 00
	B. F. Miller	180 00
	W. R. Bridges	150 00
	G. H. Nelson	50 70
	I. N. Joy	14 10
	E. R. Cobb	4 80
		\$ 746 46

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Paid	Carter, Rice & Co.	\$ 25 00
	J. L. Hammett Co.	57 54
	E. E. Babb & Co.	29 06
	Silver, Burdett & Co.	60 75
	Maynard, Merrill & Co.	5 00
	B. H. Sanborn & Co.	19 68
	H. Newell & Co.	5 75
	Eagle Pencil Co.	27 40
	Educational Publishing Co.	4 00

Paid	American Book Co.	\$	12	80
	Ginn & Company		24	77
	D. C. Heath & Co.		22	00
		\$	293	75
	Balance to Shelburne in exchange		18	44
	C. P. Hall, freight etc.		17	40
		\$	329	59

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION.

Paid	Shelburne	\$	631	00
	Greenfield		67	50
		\$	698	50

REPAIRS.

Paid	R. W. Temple	\$	9	80
	Griswoldville Mfg. Co.		2	45
	G. N. Kelley		2	50
	A. R. Dennison		35	98
	L. F. Wetmore			25
	J. M. Purinton		53	18
	F. W. Purrington		18	22
	J. W. Tinkham		3	62
	J. A. Richmond & Son		6	55
	O. H. Taylor		1	03
	W. S. Allard		3	00
	H. Newell & Co.		2	50
	Gottfred Schechterle		1	75
	J. E. Davenport		1	00
	E. M. Johnson		1	25
		\$	143	08

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FUEL.

Paid	Harry Bell	\$ 46 18
	Joseph Jurek	15 75
	F. W. Purrington	50
	Calvin Coombs	4 90
	James Looman	15 00
	C. L. Donelson	11 00
	Clarence McGee	1 00
	Fred Merrifield	1 00
	Fred Kendrick	66 13
	F. E. Cromack	4 00
	W. H. Apt	6 75
	C. W. Smith	25 00
	J. B. Cromack & Son	5 00
	Henry Purrington	5 00
	Perry Gallupe	19 00
		\$ 226 21

CLEANING AND CARE OF SCHOOL ROOMS.

Paid	Mary Storm	\$ 6 00
	J. W. Tinkham	4 25
	S. E. Wood	2 00
	Mrs. Thomas Richards	4 00
	Mrs. H. B. Gilderdale	2 00
	Leon Dennison	7 20
	Mrs. F. A. Starkey	1 50
	Harry Bell	1 20
	Laura Braley	9 00
	Edith Smith	1 50
	Mabel McCloud	1 20
	Elsie Matteson	1 20
	Bell Fiske	2 00
	Goldie Wood	2 40
	Gottfred Schechterle	4 80

Paid	Bertell Call	\$ 1 30
	Robert Miller	4 00
	Julia Purrington	2 40
	George Thompson	2 20
	Anna Herzig	1 10
	Mrs. Harry Bell	75
	E. C. Smith & Son	2 50
	Willie Looman	3 40
	Mildred Starkey	4 00
	Mary LaBell	2 40
	Florence Kelly	2 40
	Lenna Cusson	2 40
	Eva Copeland	1 00
	Bessie Hillman	3 40
	Mildred Patch	4 80
	Della Mathys	2 10
	Lura Bell	2 40
	Ancil Bell	4 20
	Cora Williams	2 00
	Daisy Call	1 20
	Maud Gilderdale	1 20
	Ethel White	2 40
	Mildred Wood	1 20
	Blanche York	1 20
	Hebert Peterson	7 10
	Louise Rabedean	1 60
	Frankie Paradee	80
	Katherine Burke	8 20
	Ira Miner	2 48
	Jesse Dunnell	3 60
		\$ 129 98

INCIDENTALS.

Paid	C. P. Hall	\$ 39 10
	Katherine Burke	1 15
	E. C. Smith & Son	1 98
	Walden & Gilchrist	1 50
	Dennison & Smith	7 46
	Smith & Hillman	4 14
	J. E. Davenport	3 52
	E. M. Johnson	1 71
	G. W. Cary	6 03
		\$ 66 59

TRUANT OFFICERS.

Paid	F. L. Kendrick	\$ 10 00
	F. A. Bennett	7 25
		\$ 17 25

F. E. CROMACK	} School Committee of Colrain.
J. E. DAVENPORT,	
E. M. JOHNSON,	

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Committee of Colrain:

I hereby submit to you and the people of this town my eleventh report concerning its schools.

The real purpose and mission of our public schools seems not to be very clearly defined in the minds of many people. Some seem to think that they are to aid the poor in getting a living, and the school course should be shaped to bring about such results. Sometimes, even it is asked that a position to teach be given a poor girl regardless of her literary qualifications or fitness for the work. Others seem to have the impression that the schools are to prepare boys for college, or fit them for professions and business, or to give them an education that they may become rich. But the public schools are for the rich and poor alike without regard to professions or occupations later in life. That is the realm of the private school or college.

The object of the public schools is to prepare boys and girls for citizenship, such as shall best safe-guard community, town, state and nation. The goal aimed at should not be greatness, but nobility of character; not be to make great speakers, or writers, or business men even, but pure-minded citizens and intelligent voters; to produce men and women who shall make home-life attractive, be prudent in habits of expenditures, capable of managing their own affairs wisely, active helpers in public matters, and honest holders of office and positions of trust. Such aims justify our expending the public money for schools.

Since this is the purpose of our public schools and since large sums of money are paid by State and town for their support, and since great care is taken to provide skilled

teachers and supervisors to have charge of the work done in them, those having the guardianship of the children should see to it that they avail themselves of this training which the schools afford. This State says they shall do it, but too many parents either wilfully or carelessly evade the requirements. Some of them have to be reminded by the truant officer of what the State expects them to do for their own children. Some of them plan visits which take the children out of school for days, and sometimes weeks, just at the beginning of a term. Others keep their children out for some real or fancied mistake of the teacher, and thus deprive their children of their right privilege. All this indulgence, or neglect, on the part of parents means that the children fall behind in their work, or the rest of the class is kept back while they attempt to make up the lost time.

The selection of teachers is the most important thing that school boards and superintendents have to perform. No system of schools can be successful without an efficient teaching force. Among the qualifications to be sought are natural ability, worth of character, adequate scholarship, professional training and successful experience. Too frequently the salary we pay prevents our securing teachers with all the above qualifications. And again, after using due care in the selection of teachers we are sometimes disappointed in the results which we anticipated.

Let me quote from another report: "Important as the equipment may be—and it is very important—the life-giving force of every school is the teacher. She creates the atmosphere in which for five hours daily the children live; more than any one else she is responsible for their moral and intellectual life. Whatever conditions may exist, an earnest, purposeful teacher will have a good school, an indifferent, unambitious teacher will have a poor school. The influence of teachers upon children is lasting. It is a noticeable fact that different teachers, according to their

fitness or unfitness for their work, often develop opposite traits in the same children. This only shows the importance of the utmost care in the selection of those who are to train the children in our schools. Although conditions often make it difficult and sometimes impossible to secure the services of the best teachers, still it is most important that those teachers be appointed to positions in our schools who not only have been specially trained for the work, but who also are persons of education and culture, and who are by nature fitted to deal with children."

The success of our schools has been severely interfered with this year, as it was last year, by the changes in our corps of teachers. I trust that the increased appropriation from the state will enable us to pay our teachers more and thus retain some who leave us to obtain greater salary.

A very marked feature in the "new education" is the comparative amount of time given to the children in the lower grades. In the earlier times two brief periods of "saying their letters" followed by long periods of "sitting still" made up the programme for the little ones. To-day the trained teacher not only provides for longer periods of reading and number work, but from the first gives training for the hands in writing, drawing, paper-cutting and folding; and for the eye and artistic taste in selecting and grouping colors and orderly arrangement of other objects. They are encouraged at once to tell of things which they know or have heard about and are interested in. In this way they get early training in language and the "fine art of talking," an accomplishment in which many older people are deficient.

At the outset of their course they are taught choice gems of poetry or prose, sayings of the good and great of all times, as well as entire poems, having in them elements of beauty, or power, or strength which become open doors before them into the great fields of literature.

This practice is continued throughout the school course, so that the high school boy or girl may have the memory stored with a wealth of beautiful thoughts which will abide forever, and become an inspiration and comfort in all their maturer years.

The result of the new law, by which the State pays the High school tuition in all towns in this neighborhood, has been, as was anticipated, an increased attendance at Arms Academy. This town had thirteen in the Academy last year and twenty-two this year.

The hope of entering the Academy inspires our children in the grammar grades do better work than they did when they thought their school days were nearly over.

But little repairs have been made the past year. Vestibules were built at the entrance of the Foundry and Shattuckville houses, which add much to their convenience. Two or three of the houses will need painting this year. For two years I have called attention to the Foundry primary room. It should be enlarged this summer without fail. It is necessary not only for health and comfort but in order to get the best results from the money expended in the school.

And, again, I think the time is just at hand when the town must provide better facilities for the school at Griswoldville. The school rooms are the least convenient of any in town; small and crowded with children, the primary room so poorly lighted that it is impossible to read in the middle of the room on a dark day. The long stretches of stove-pipe so affect the draft of the fires that the rooms are often smoky or cold. There are no conveniences for hats and clothing, and the only playground for the children is the narrow street in which the trolley and teams have the right of way. Finally, the ground occupied by the outbuildings is soon to be used by the owners for another purpose. If strangers visiting

our town wished to be shown our school-houses, we should wish to pass this one by.

In the schools where we have been able to retain the old teachers the work has been very satisfactory the past year. Some of the new teachers have also shown that they had teaching ability, which will show better results after training or experience. Some of them plan to get the training in the near future at the North Adams Normal School.

The attendance in some of our schools has been seriously interfered with by sickness. We were obliged to close the Foundry schools for a short time on this account.

In closing this report I wish to express my thanks for the friendly co-operation of teachers, parents and committee.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES P. HALL,
Superintendent.

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR THE

Schools	Teachers	Terms	Wages per Month
Adamsville	{ Anna K. Miller	1	\$ 30 00
	{ Ethel J. White	2	30 00
Bardwell	Katherine E. Burke	3	24 00
Centre	Laura E. Braley	3	32 00
Christian Hill	Alice M. Thompson	3	28 00
Churchill	Bessie L. Stanford	3	24 00
Elm Grove	Daisy L. Call	3	24 00
Foundry Grammar	Alta J. Carpenter	3	32 00
Foundry Primary	Helen A. Peterson	3	30 00
Four Corners	{ Evelyn B. Coombs	1	24 00
	{ Edith M. Smith	1	28 00
	{ Elsie M. Matteson	1	26 00
Griswoldville Grammar	Fannie A. Merrill	3	32 00
Griswoldville Primary	Cora M. Hallam	3	26 00
Shattuckville	{ Laurie F. Wetmore	3	32 00
	{ Nina M. Dexter, Ass't.	3	8 00
South	{ Myra L. Hillman	2	26 00
	{ Edith M. Smith	1	28 00
Wilson Hill	{ Elsie W. Cronan	1	24 00
	{ Evelyn B. Coombs	2	24 00

YEAR CLOSING JUNE, 1903.

Whole No. enrolled		Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per centage of Attendance	Days of Absence	Cases of Tardiness	Cases of Dismissal
Boys	Girls						
11	5	14.5	13.3	92.1	173	104	11
3	5	8.1	7.8	95.7	60	22	0
8	16	22.3	20.6	92.5	285	59	55
12	8	15.8	14.7	93.1	213	11	0
8	4	10.9	10.2	93.2	131	64	4
13	8	19.3	18.7	96.9	101	55	4
17	19	31.1	27.4	88.2	605	70	73
25	9	30.3	27.4	90.5	499	76	6
7	10	11.4	10.6	92.2	154	92	7
8	12	18.5	17.7	96.4	132	156	3
14	13	22.2	21.2	95.7	207	105	5
26	21	37.9	34.7	91.7	269	129	29
11	14	19.0	17.0	89.1	364	30	14
6	4	9.6	9.1	94.5	94	61	22
169	148	270.9	250.4	92.4	3287	1034	233

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Value of books and supplies on hand

March 1, 1903,	\$199 63	
Purchased during the year	329 59	
		\$ 529 22

Issued to schools.

	No. Pupils.		
Adamsville	15	\$ 19 27	
Bardwell	8	13 59	
Centre	23	23 37	
Christian Hill	16	25 87	
Churchill	11	16 20	
Elm Grove	20	39 48	
Foundry Grammar	32	38 61	
Foundry Primary	31	29 46	
Four Corners	12	17 23	
Griswoldville Grammar	20	30 90	
Griswoldville Primary	23	27 54	
Shattuckville	40	33 31	
South	19	30 94	
Wilson Hill	10	23 77	
			\$ 369 54
On hand March 1, 1904		\$	159 68

280 pupils with an average cost of \$1.32 per pupil for books and supplies for the year.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following pupils have not been absent, tardy or dismissed during the number of terms mentioned, closing with the fall of 1903:

NINE TERMS.

Pearl Kendrick

TWO TERMS.

Walter Brown
John Coombs
William Coutu
Elmer Damon
Leon Dennison
Frederic Gilderdale
Roscoe Nichols
Leo Parker
Frederic Sessler
Earl Smead
Raymond Starkey
Earle Temple

Flora Bell
Marion Clark
Ruth Coombs
Maud Gilderdale
Sarah Lusty.
Florence McClellan
Mabel McCloud
Carrie McGee
Malah Russell
Mary Sessler
Lelia Smead
Ellen Storms
Goldie Wood
Ethel Wood
Inez Wood

ONE TERM.

Fred Bernard
Clarence Brigham
Milton Brown
Leon Carr
Perl Carr
Frank Duprey
Raymond Duprey
Arthur Galipault

Mildred Apt
Gertrude Bell
Lura Bell
Mary Billiel
Rose Brigham
Ruth Bullock
Annie Bushey
Mamie Bushey

Ezra Herzig
 Rudolph Kehl
 Ellsworth Kemp
 Adolphus Lavalley
 Guy Miner
 Ira Miner
 Russell Nichols
 Louis Peltier
 George Thompson
 James Warner

Blanche Carpenter
 Sadie Carr
 Katherine Cram
 Flora Cromack
 Lefa Crosier
 Emma Cusson
 Cora Cutting
 Marion Donelson
 Ellen Dunnell
 Hazel Dunnell
 Alta Elmer
 Nellie Kemp
 Ruth King
 Amy Lamorie
 Dora LaBell
 Priscilla Lively
 Helen McGee
 Ida Norton
 Irene Peterson
 Estella Smith
 Clara Starkey
 Olive Storms
 Mildred Temple
 Mabel Thompson
 Blanche York

AUDITORS' REPORT.

Colrain, March 12, 1904.

I have this day examined the accounts of the School Committee of Colrain for the school year just closed and find them correct.

H. O. SCOTT, Auditor.

TRUANT OFFICERS' REPORT.

Mr. C. P. Hall, Superintendent of Schools:

The following is my report for the year 1903-04:

Number of cases investigated	27
Number kept out by parents	10
Truants	8
Sickness	9

All returned to school but one.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK A. BENNETT,
Truant Officer.

Mr. C. P. Hall, Superintendent of Schools:

The following is my report for the year 1903-04:

Number of cases investigated	15
Number of cases sick	2
Number kept out by parents	7
Number of truants	6
Number of prosecutions	1

All returned to school but one.

Respectfully submitted,

F. L. KENDRICK,
Truant Officer.

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

RESOURCES.

Town appropriation for books,	\$ 75 00	
Town appropriation for salary of librarian and rent	75 00	
Received from fines	1 79	
		\$ 151 79

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for book case	\$ 4 00	
librarian's salary and rent	75 00	
books	70 37	
express	1 20	
		\$ 150 57

Resources exceed expenditures	\$ 1 22
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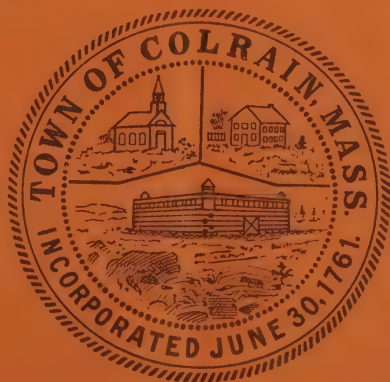
Number of volumes in library March 20, 1903	1848
added by purchase	41
added by gift	55
in library March 20, 1904	1944
loaned from library	1915
East Colrain	269
Dennison District	70
Adamsville	132
Christian Hill	267
Elm Grove	270
Foundry	138
Griswoldville	77
Total circulation	3138

We recommend as appropriation for this year:

Librarian and rent	\$75 00
Purchase of books	75 00

F. E. CROMACK	} Trustees.
J. E. DAVENPORT,	
E. M. JOHNSON,	

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TEASURER'S REPORT.

Of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Town of
Colrain for the Year Ending February 18, 1905.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand March 14, 1904,	\$480 74
State Treas., account Cor. tax,	48 38
Repairs on State highway,	16 47
Supt. of schools,	200 00
Inspection of animals,	33 50
State Board of Charity,	5 10
Education of State children,	65 50
Cor. tax,	630 89
National bank tax,	307 71
State aid,	518 00
Tuition of children,	799 50
Income of Mass. school fund,	1,052 92
Cash from A. H. Temple, collector tax of 1903,	5 00
West Boylston, account of Mrs. Patnode,	188 29
Shelburne Falls Nat. Bank, temporary loans,	3,000 00
Ross Purrington, butcher's license,	1 00
Louis Chevellier, butcher's license,	1 00
P. Looman, butcher's li- cense,	1 00
Greenfield Savings Bank, loan,	1,050 00
County Treasurer, dog fund returned,	71 10

District Court, account of fines,	\$ 40 0
Town of Shelburne, account of Bardwell school,	126 00
H. A. Howard, account of Donelson cases,	20 61
Fred Bernard, account of burial lot,	2 00
A. H. Temple, collector tax of 1904,	14,180 02
Chas. W. Hillman, overpay- ment,	6 59
	\$22,815 32

EXPENDITURES.

Paid old orders,	\$563 54
School Committee's orders,	6,600 35
Library Trustees orders,	149 30
Selectmen's orders,	12,363 43
Assessor's abatements,	65 28
Cash on hand,	3,073 42
	\$22,815 32

Town's Indebtedness

E. H. Gay & Co.,	\$4,000 00
Greenfield Savings Bank,	2,550 00
Shelburne Falls Savings Bank,	395 00
	\$6,945 00

R. C. HILLMAN, Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have this day examined the books and accounts of the Treasurer of Colrain, and certify that they are correct, with a balance in the treasury of \$3,073.42.

H. O. SCOTT, Auditor.

Colrain, Feb. 18, 1905.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

R. C. HILLMAN, TOWN CLERK.

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In account with the Town of Colrain, 1904-1905.

Cash received from 94 licenses male		
dogs,		\$188 00
Cash received from 3 licenses, female		
dogs (spayed),		6 00
Received from 13 licenses female dogs,		65 00
		\$259 00

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Cash paid County Treasurer,		\$237 00
Clerk's fees,		22 00
		\$259 00

Statistics From Town Clerk's Records.

Marriages recorded in the Town of Colrain for the year 1904:

Date,	Name.	Residence.	By Whom Married.
Jan. 2,	Halford M. Newhall,	Greenfield,	Jos. A. Goodrich
	Helen A. Peterson,	Colrain,	

Apr. 2.	William D. Brown, Eva L. Purrington,	Colrain, Colrain,	J. D. Graham
Apr. 13,	Adolphi Galipault, Lizzie Lively,	Colrain, Colrain,	A. G. Bronsseau
May 16,	Wilfred B. Miner, Josephine F. Bressau,	Colrain, Colrain,	Thos. P. McDonald
June 15,	Frank E. Stetson, Ethel White,	Heath, Colrain,	J. D. Graham
June 29,	Daniel M. Cary Minnie Moulton,	Colrain, Dover, Vt.	J. D. Graham
Aug. 17,	Lester B. Bailey, Emma Schneck,	Colrain, Colrain,	E. J. Deane
Sept. 14,	Charles Gilchrist, Florence King,	Colrain, Colrain,	W. D. Potter
Sept. 24,	Elmer J. Benton, Bessie E. Smith,	North Adams, Colrain,	E. J. Deane
Oct. 4,	Henry H. Dennison, Mary A. Bass,	Colrain, Greenfield,	E. J. Deane
Nov. 30,	Charles A. Stewart, Salie D. Miller,	Colrain, Colrain,	Samson Nichols
Dec. 25,	George Lusty, Catherine A. Wall,	Colrain, Buckland.	L. O. Geoffard

Births recorded in the town of Colrain for the year 1904 :

Date.	Name.	Name of Parents.
Feb. 1.	Silas William Bernard,	Fred and Maggie
Feb. 8.	Alma Fortin,	Joseph and Lena
Feb. 20.	Howard Clark Carpenter,	Charles and Julia
Feb. 29.	Dora Denno,	Delphes and Rosa
Mar. 1.	Parmelie Vincent,	Alfred and Mary
Apr. 1.	Sunella Beaudry,	Alfred and Amanda
Apr. 2.	Emmie Gazelle,	Joseph and Delia
Apr. 13.	Gerald Osborn Moulton,	Edward and Florence
May 8.	Geneva Call,	Byron and Alice

May 23.	Minnie Louise Myers,	John and Mary
May 29.	Alegra Herzig,	Benjamin and Lillian
June 3.	Loretta LaPierre,	Fred and Lena
June 12.	Elizabeth Williams,	Frank and Vivian
June 15.	Winfred Emery Miller,	Emery and Mary
June 19.	Annie Sophia Morton,	George and Annie
June 21.	Joseph Gauyett, Jr.,	Joseph and Sophronia
June 25.	Lois May Dunton,	Louis and Carrie
July 1.	Ernest Altonia LeClair,	Noah and Anna
Aug. 4.	Gertrude Beatrice Thompson,	James and Delphine
Aug. 16.	Olan Frances LaPierre,	John and Lina
Aug. 16.	Lottie Iva Carpenter,	Warren and Lucy
Aug. 23.	Robert Elsworth Cobb,	Edwin and Caroline
Aug. 30.	Clara Cutu,	John and Filemen
Sept. 8.	Hazel Winifred Shumway,	Paul and Marion
Sept. 28.	Geo. Allen Galipault,	Frank and Palmena
Oct. 16.	Clifford Walter Avery,	Clark and Sadie
Nov. 6.	Foster Albert Streeter,	Albert and Josephine
Nov. 8.	Charles Howard Galvin,	James and Cora
Dec. 14.	George Cutu,	Israel and Cora
Dec. 23.	Ethel Alberta Coburn,	Moses and Lena

Deaths recorded in the Town of Colrain for the year 1904 :

Date.	Name.	—Age—			Place of Interment.
		Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.	
Feb. 4.	Silas William Bernard,			4	Colrain
Feb. 21.	Otto Luscher,	8	8	28	Colrain
Mar. 20.	Laura Rabedeau,	19	2	6	Colrain
Mar. 22.	Sarah Steel,	70	7	22	Colrain
Mar. 23.	Roxy E. Davenport,	67			Colrain
Apr. 2.	Amanda A. Churchill,	77			Heath
Apr. 19.	Leonard W. Stratton,	76	11	19	Colrain
Apr. 20.	Charles S. Townsley,	76	2	12	Colrain
Apr. 22.	Eleanor E. Smith,	1	2	28	Colrain

May 4.	Ariel Lombard Thomas,	87	7	19	Colrain
May 6.	Martha L. Bullock,	48	6	26	Colrain
May 21.	Almina Martha Gunn,	75	6	11	Amherst
June 2.	Malona O. Johnson,	56	11	13	Greenfield
June 6.	Cynthia N. Cutting,	59	7	5	Colrain
June 7.	Rosana Fortin,	3	2	11	Colrain
June 20.	Morton,			1	Greenfield
June 20.	Annie T. Morton,	40		30	Greenfield
July 5.	Edgar Kendrick,	45	8	15	Colrain
Aug. 15.	Rose K. Finck,	33	2	13	Colrain
Sept. 1.	Sophia Therrian,	50	8	14	Canada
Aug. 3.	Samuel Blagbrough,	69	9		Colrain
Sept. 5.	Jos. Gauyett, Jr.,		2	14	Colrain
Sept. 11.	Frederick Schesterle,	1	1	17	Colrain
Oct. 17.	Loren B. Moore,	73	11	9	Colrain
Oct. 17.	Annie S. Hillman,	46	6	7	Colrain
Oct. 19.	Wayne Hillman.	49		7	Colrain
Dec. 2.	Florence A. Hewes,	29	5	11	Swansey, N.H.
Dec. 9.	John L. Clark,	64	7	5	Colrain
Dec. 24.	Martha A. Scott,	79	9	14	
					Watertown, N.Y.
Dec. 31.	Ester H. Russell,	77		3	Colrain
Dec. 31.	John Edward Davenport,	53	2		Colrain

Any person finding an error or omission, will confer a favor by making it known to the Town Clerk, that it may be corrected on the town records.

Respectfully,

R. C. HILLMAN, Town Clerk.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have this day examined the accounts of the Town Clerk, and find same correct.

H. O. SCOTT, Auditor.

Colrain, Feb. 18, 1905.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Colrain :

In presenting to you our annual report, we will call your attention to the most important work that has been done and make a few suggestions for the coming year.

The most important event of the year was the celebration of Old Home Week, from July 31st to August 6, one week. The committee and the inhabitants of the town done themselves credit and honor to their town in this grand celebration.

We have put in a new culvert and made the fill at the west end of the Griswoldville bridge at the expense of \$75.85.

The abutment to the bridge on the road leading from James Galvin's to the Avery Hill has been repaired, and there will have to be a new bridge there in the near future.

The most of the roads are in very good condition, but we have some that have been neglected a little on account of it being hard to obtain help to work them at the proper time. We are inclined to think we have been a little too economical the past year, that we ought to have expended the balance of what you appropriated along the line of putting up more railing, cutting back the brush, and making more permanent repairs on some of our roads.

The case of Sarah J. Donelson, which has been pending against the town for nearly three years, has been settled.

Your Board of Selectmen, after giving it due consideration, thought it wiser to settle for the sum agreed upon, than to have a long and costly case in court.

Your Board of Overseers of the Poor have had a good deal to do in satisfying themselves and others in regard to the legal settlement of those who have called for aid. It has been hard to determine in some cases between the unfortunate and those who are not so unfortunate, but think it easier

to get a few dollars out of the town than it is to work for it.

We have removed Joe Lucia from Greenfield Franklin County hospital and Bert Pike from Amos Cary's to the State hospital at Tewksbury, saving the town quite an expense.

Mr. William E. Southworth, a good and kind-hearted old gentleman, who at one time was the owner of quite a large amount of property through misfortune lost it and has been a town charge for the last few years, died February 10, 1905, at Geo. W. Warner's, where he has received good care, which he seemed to greatly appreciate.

Highways and Bridges.

George W. Fairbanks,	\$52 41	J. W. Tinkham,	\$33 30
T. R. Shearer,	1 50	I. N. Joy,	6 00
Geo. Mathys,	8 80	Amos Stewart,	18 90
Joe Herzig,	75	H. B. Gilderdale,	3 90
J. W. Tinkham,	32 40	E. W. Clark,	1 50
Ralph Peterson,	1 50	James Carpenter,	6 00
F. L. Kendrick,	71 00	John P. Sturtevant,	17 50
Geo. White,	59 30	J. W. Tinkham,	1 50
J. W. Tinkham,	23 25	William Martin,	8 10
H. J. Smith,	64 50	E. M. Dwight,	15 25
N. G. Dix,	63 37	Levi Thompson,	6 75
C. W. Smith,	13 50	Geo. White,	21 25
Rudolph Herzig,	11 70	I. G. Call,	1 50
Albert Herzig,	10 19	F. W. Purrington,	2 42
Calvin Coombs,	3 50	G. A. Thompson,	5 70
W. H. Apt,	4 35	Charles Fairbanks,	14 20
H. C. Purrington,	33 85	Frank Dunnell,	90
F. H. Smith,	4 50	W. H. Donelson,	3 78
H. J. Smith,	80 00	H. S. Browning,	1 20
W. D. Smith,	24 90	Avery Bros.	15 90
C. A. Smith,	7 20	C. E. Davenport,	5 25
J. M. Shearer,	58 93	George Pierce,	1 95

D. M. Pierce,	\$2 12	R. C. Porter,	\$ 1 65
Mrs. L. Stratton,	2 35	Stetson Bros.,	4 50
John Debias,	1 50	Frank Galipault,	1 50
C. W. Hillman,	2 25	Jas. Looman,	4 20
M. Thompson & Son,	1 50	Philip Herzig,	23 24
M. O. Nichols,	75	E. F. Copeland,	4 25
Geo. Nelson,	1 25	J. A. Dwight,	50
Frank Fairbanks,	3 00	G. W. Cary,	2 20
W. E. Matteson,	2 25	Joseph Lively,	25 64
Joe Jureck,	8 63	Lively & Galipault,	1 65
R. M. Coombs,	8 55	G. W. Warner,	4 50
D. H. Brown,	3 30	E. M. Johnson,	4 80
B. L. Call,	6 10	H. J. Smith,	39 50
W. E. Barnes,	28 33	W. D. Smith,	1 75
Frank McCloud,	13 50	J. B. Clark & Son,	7 03
J. E. Bowen,	2 25	H. B. Miller,	1 20
M. B. Crosier,	5 10	F. L. Purrington,	5 25
Harry Bell,	12 60	H. D. Root,	3 15
H. A. Howard,	1 46	James Galvin,	8 49
F. D. Thompson,	7 83	F. L. Kendrick,	14 00
E. J. Purrington,	4 50	R. W. Stacey,	1 50
J. B. Cromack,	3 97	C. L. Roberts,	1 50
L. O. Davenport,	2 25	C. J. Moore,	1 00
C. B. Dennison & Son,	6 30	Griswoldville Mfg.Co.,	19 85
Mary A. Nelson,	5 02	H. C. Cromack,	2 25
George Pierce,	2 10	Fred Starkey,	1 05
George Nelson,	1 50	E. T. Cutting,	2 10
L. W. Fairbanks,	5 10	G. R. Purrinton,	3 00
Frank E. Cromack,	6 00	W. D. Smith,	37 30
M. M. Johnson,	20 77	H. J. Smith,	84 25
Winfred Goodnow,	6 50	C. W. McGee,	53
Robert Miller,	1 35	J. E. Davenport's estate,	75
E. R. Cobb,	41 56	S. W. Wheeler,	3 00
Orson Call,	4 88	E. B. Stewart,	2 87

Horace Kemp,	\$ 13 35	H. O. Scott,	\$ 1 50
C. L. Donelson,	1 51	H. W. Thompson,	8 05
J. E. Shearer,	16 21	C. W. Smith,	20 25
Frank Brigham,	4 57	W. H. Kemp,	9 90
		\$1,445 61	

New Culvert West End Griswoldville Bridge.

J. W. Tinkham,	\$2 70		
Tom Storm,	7 50		
Joe Herzig,	6 00		
Philip Herzig,	2 70		
Joseph Lively,	4 95		
H. J. Smith,	14 00		
W. D. Smith,	10 50		
C. W. Smith,	22 50		
		\$70 85	

Removing Ice From Green River Road.

C. B. Dennison & Son,	\$6 75
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For Breaking Roads.

E. R. Cobb,	\$7 80	E. Auger,	\$1 05
L. O. Davenport,	5 10	Stetson Bros.,	8 25
T. R. Shearer,	7 05	Edgar Kendrick estate,	6 00
Albert Herzig,	7 80	O. M. Brown,	5 00
M. J. Clement,	1 20	C. W. Hillman,	2 33
Calvin Coombs,	5 08	E. F. Copeland,	4 35
C. T. Gunn,	18 65	J. A. Dwight,	5 62
H. B. Gilderdale,	45	Fred Merrifield,	4 80
E. W. Clark,	4 50	H. D. Root,	4 95
George Matteson,	5 00	C. B. Dennison & Son,	5 55
H. L. Pickett,	1 35	L. W. Fairbanks,	2 17
A. I. Fish,	7 65	Elias Bardwell,	3 45
Harry Bell,	6 00	E. F. Cutting,	1 20

W. H. Donelson,	\$ 10 00	G. R. Purrinton,	\$ 2 55
A. L. Fish,	5 00	J. E. Shearer,	1 87
H. S. Browning,	7 20	H. W. Thompson,	2 00
J. H. Howard,	8 00	C. W. Smith,	4 00
G. D. Lynde,	2 75		

\$175 72

Incidentals.

J. F. Temple,	\$10 00	W. S. Allard, repairs	
Stetson Electric Print		on road scraper,	9 28
Co.,	40 70	M. C. Harris, for wood,	6 25
Wakefield Daily Item,	2 25	J. W. Cram, M. D.,	
Colrain Fire District,		return of births,	3 50
water rent,	10 00	J. L. Smith,	6 55
Carter's Ink Co.,	2 20	E. A. Hall & Co.,	1 50
Colrain Fire District		F. J. Canedy, M. D.,	
tax,	125 00	return of births,	2 25
H. B. Miller,	10 50	C. L. Donelson,	40
C. E. Perkins, court		R. C. Hillman,	42 30
fees,	2 22	Smith & Hillman,	9 78
Perry Crafts, court		H. J. Smith,	3 05
fees,	12 79	J. A. Mather. M. D.,	
C. A. Stewart,	5 90	return of births,	1 00
F. H. Brown & Co.,	3 00	Wm. Smead, court	
Colrain Fire District		fees,	9 60
tax,	100 00	W. H. Kemp,	4 25
H. B. Miller,	40		

\$424 67

TOWN OFFICERS.

H. F. Purrington, inspector,	\$34 75
H. A. Howard, inspector,	48 75
C. A. Stewart, assessor,	40 00

A. A. Smith, school committee,	\$ 30 00
H. F. Purrington, inspector,	13 00
F. W. Purrington, ballot clerk,	2 00
Jonathan E. Davenport, school committee,	16 25
Jonathan E. Davenport, clerk of school board,	10 00
Jonathan E. Davenport, election officer,	2 00
Jonathan E. Davenport, school committee 1903 and 1904,	7 50
Jonathan E. Davenport, sexton,	30 00
Charles A. Smith, ballot clerk,	2 00
H. B. Miller, assessor,	40 00
H. B. Miller, clerk of board,	10 00
J. E. Bowen, ballot clerk,	4 00
H. A. Howard, inspector,	80 25
J. A. Dwight, assessor,	42 50
E. M. Johnson, ballot clerk,	2 00
J. B. Clark & Son, hearse man,	47 50
H. F. Purrington, inspector,	26 15
F. L. Kendrick, constable,	4 00
J. W. Cram, M. D., clerk of board of health,	17 15
Arthur Dennison, election officer,	2 00
Elias Bardwell, registrar,	7 00
M. M. Johnson, sexton,	2 00
A. A. Smith, school committee,	17 00
Robert Miller, sexton,	10 00
R. C. Hillman, clerk and treasurer,	75 00
R. C. Hillman, registrar,	10 00
G. R. Purrinton, ballot clerk,	2 00
F. L. Kendrick, constable,	5 80
E. M. Johnson, school committee,	19 50
H. A. Howard, inspector,	26 00
H. O. Scott, auditor,	10 00

S. E. Temple, overseer of the poor,	\$ 6 75
H. W. Thompson, selectman and overseer of the poor,	70 00
W. H. Kemp, selectman and overseer of the poor,	70 00
C. W. Smith, selectman,	60 00
A. H. Temple, tax collector,	135 00
F. M. Avery, registrar,	10 00
J. E. Davenport, school committee,	10 00
J. E. Davenport, clerk school board,	5 00
J. E. Davenport, sexton,	2 00
	\$1,072 35
Paid State aid,	\$396 00

Town Debt and Interest.

Paid Shelburne Falls National Bank interest,	\$90 00
Greenfield Savings Bank interest,	63 27
Edward S. Bradford, interest,	180 00
Shelburne Falls Savings Bank, interest,	15 80
E. H. Gay & Co., interest,	20 00
On town debt,	1,000 00
	\$1,369 07
Paid Shelburne Falls National Bank, temporary loan,	\$3,000 00
County tax,	\$1,448 06
State tax,	550 00
Memorial Day,	50 00
State highway tax,	91 50
Old Home Week,	94 36

Highway Damages.

TO SETTLE SARAH J. DONELSON CASE.

Paid Sarah J. Donelson,	\$700 00	
Alfred Donelson,	60 00	
H. R. Donelson,	40 00	
Green & Davenport, counsel,	42 48	
Dr. J. A. Mather,	2 00	
H. A. Howard, agent and fees paid,	100 00	
H. W. Thompson, agent,	5 00	
W. H. Kemp, agent,	5 00	
C. W. Smith, agent,	2 50	
		\$956 98
R. S. Bolton,		25 00
Total,		\$981 98

Resources of Town.

Due from State on account aid,	\$396 00	
Due Bay State Construction Co., use of motor,	45 00	
Due State on account of poor,	51 37	
Due State on account of inspection of animals,	22 50	
		\$514 87

Recapitulation.

Amount Appropriated.		Amount Expended.
\$2,000 00	Highways and bridges,	\$1,445 51
200 00	Graveling road,	
1,400 00	Support of poor,	1,202 57
480 00	State aid,	396 00
250 00	Incidentals,	424 67
800 00	Town officers,	1,072 35

1,500 00	County tax,	\$ 1,448 06
650 00	State tax,	550 00
1,000 00	Town debt,	1,000 00
380 00	Interest,	369 07
500 00	Old bills,	
91 00	State highway tax,	91 50
50 00	Memorial Day,	50 00
100 00	New culvert west end Griswoldville bridge,	70 85
100 00	Enforcing law on salting railroad crossings,	
75 00	Repairing hearses,	
100 00	Old Home Week,	94 36
	Highway damage,	981 98
	Snow work,	175 72
	Removing ice from Green River road,	6 75
	Temporary loan,	3,000 00

\$12,379 49

We would recommend the following appropriations for the year 1905:

Highways and bridges,	\$2,000 00
Support of poor,	1,400 00
State aid,	500 00
State highway tax,	100 00
Town officers,	1,000 00
County tax,	1,500 00
State tax,	600 00
Town debt,	1,000 00
Interest,	350 00
Old bills,	150 00
Memorial Day,	50 00
Incidentals,	500 00

Inventory of Tools.

One crusher, elevator, two screens, electric motor,
 20 shovels,
 4 steel bars,
 9 wheel-barrows,
 6 hoes,
 8 picks,
 1 road machine,
 Seals for weights and measures,
 2 safes,
 1 derrick,
 1 plow,
 2 scrapers,
 1 book-case.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. THOMPSON,	} Selectmen of Colrain.
W. H. KEMP,	
C. W. SMITH,	

Support of Poor.

Mrs. Edward Surprise:—

Dr. J. A. Mather,	\$10 00
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Joe Lucia, State charge:—

Paid Franklin County hospital,	\$22 25
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W. H. Kemp, removing Joe Lucia to State hospital,	12 68
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\$34 93

William Balanger:—

Child's funeral expenses:—	\$10 00
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Mrs. Henry Miller and family:—

Geo. Mathys,	\$5 48
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S. E. Temple,	\$ 10 50
Dr. F. J. Canedy,	8 75
Dr. J. W. Cram,	17 60
E. C. Smith & Son,	22 42
F. L. Kendrick,	7 05
G. W. Bowker,	1 97
Dennison & Smith,	60 00
Gottfried Schechterle,	1 50
R. E. Purrington,	39 41
J. B. Cromack & Son,	5 50
	\$ 180 18

William E. Southworth: -

Geo. W. Warner,	\$312 00
Edwin Baker,	3 00
Dr. J. W. Cram,	1 00
	\$316 00

Frank E. Southworth:--

Geo. W. Warner,	\$208 00
Dr. J. W. Cram,	1 80 .
	\$209 80

Charles Hastings:—

Paid Town of Westfield,	\$36 04
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Oscar Call:—

Mrs. Charlotte Call,	\$169 00
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Bert Pike, State charge:—

Paid Amos Cary,	\$20 00
Dr. J. W. Cram,	3 00

W. H. Kemp, removing Bert Pike to State hospital,	\$ 13 40	
		\$36 40
Louise Coburn:—		
William Beaudry,		\$20 08
Mrs. Henry Cary:—		
Paid Mrs. F. H. Thompson, Greenfield,		\$35 00
Mrs. Emma Patnode, belongs to West Boylston:—		
Paid Smith & Hillman,	\$36 09	
Dr. J. W. Cram,	29 00	
		\$65 09
Mrs. Louise Lamoine:—		
Dr. J. W. Cram,		\$10 40
Edwin R. Cram:—		
Paid Town of Hardwick,		\$16 45
Mrs. H. M. Underwood:—		
Dr. J. W. Cram,		\$2 40
J. Fortin:—		
Child's funeral expenses,		\$12 00
Mrs. Joseph Belliel:—		
Dr. J. W. Cram,	\$15 00	
Dennison & Smith,	6 30	

Dr. J. A. Mather,
Herbert Petters,

\$ 13 00
4 50

\$38 80

Total,

\$1,202 57

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. THOMPSON, } Overseers
W. H. KEMP, } of
S. E. TEMPLE, } Poor.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have this day examined the bills presented to the selectmen for the past year, compared same with the vouchers and orders given, and find same correct.

H. O. SCOTT, Auditor.

Colrain, Feb. 18, 1905.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT.

COMPLETE LIST OF TAXABLE PROPERTY MAY 1, 1904.

	Personal.	Real.		Personal.	Real.
Ashton, Arthur			Alexander, E. S.	\$ 58	\$690
J.		\$1000	Avery Bros.	783	3100
Ariel, Henry E.	\$ 25	600	Apt, Helen M.		2050
Allard, Wm. S.	300	1730	Apt, Wm.	308	
Auger E.	55	500			
Brigham, F. L.	629	1375	Bushy, Henry		540
Burrington, J.			Budett, Fred,	105	
Warren		800	Burrington, W. E.	20	

Personal. Real.			Personal. Real		
Bell, Ida M.	\$80		Bunard, Fred	\$ 300	
Bell, Harry		\$ 500	Browning, H.	\$700	2475
Brown, Frank L.	918	1450	Brown, D. H.	70	570
Brown, F. A.	1320	550	Bell, Mrs. J. P.	60	525
Bolton, Edward	120		Bridges, W. R.	655	1550
Bowen, John E.			Brigham, C. L.	358	2300
& Son,	342	950	Booth, E. P.	157	900
Barnes, W. E.	405	1100	Booth, Nancy		1050
Bardwell, Wm. H.	454	1925	Booth, Nora E.		600
Baldie, Lawrence	290	700	Brown, O. M.	775	3100
Ballard, Jos.	185		Bardwell, Elias	200	1500
Burrington, Eli J.		750	Baptist Society		1000
Burnett, Jos.	60	275	Buck, Addie S.		250
Corliss, Matt,	175	500	Cary, Geo. W.	1645	1080
Coombs, E. W.			Cary, Amos J.	10	
& Son		1675	Churchill Bros.	160	175
Cutting, Edward			Clark, Joel L.	250	800
T.	420	1975	Crosier, M. B.	237	960
Copeland, Ed-			Cary, J. O.	35	
ward F.	1043	3250	Cobb, Edwin R.	350	20
Chealier, Louis	301	1100	Cobb, Mrs. Sarah		400
Coombs, R. M.	920	3800	Clark, E. W. and		
Cromack, F. E.	160	1130	Olive Fisher	427	934
Cromack, C. H.	180	875	Carpenter, J. W.	525	1700
Cary, Daniel,	25	300	Carpenter, A. N.	30	
Call, C. H.	20		Cromack, H. C.	420	1700
Clark, J. B. &			Cromack, J. B.		
Son	700	1700	& Son	995	3250
Clark, Mrs. Fran-			Clark, John L.	410	1800
cis E.		550	Cressey, Wilbur		
Call, Mrs. Oscar			W.	400	
E.		350	Coombs, Calvin		
Curtis, Mrs. O. B.		1500	S.	970	4385

Personal. Real.		Personal. Real.	
Curtis, John H.	\$ 450	Carr, Jas. H.	\$150 \$ 335
Cary, W. W.	\$ 250 2925	Cram, J. W.	300 2500
Carpenter, C. N.	170 1750	Cong. Society	1000
Call, B. L.	260 1850	Carpenter, C. L.	
Cole, Jas. W.	1000	estate	260
Call, Orsau	185 875	Carpenter, Mrs.	
Cary, W. W. &		Julia,	800
Son,	1050 2050	Crome, Reme	200
Call, Mrs. H. M.	290 750	Coburn, Noah	150
Donelson, W. H.	238	Davenport, S.G.	425
Dobias, John	253 800	Davenport, Roxy	
Donelson, H. R.	670 2750	estate	800
Damon & Mc-		Dunton, Zenas J.	350
Clellan	465	Davenport, F. N.	120
Dewey, H. W.	675	Davenport, W. H.	110 800
Dennison, C. B.		Davenport, C. E.	392 2600
& Son.	382 1500	Davenport, John	
Darling, W. W.	400 2400	E.	405 1000
Davenport, Er-		Davenport, L. O.	60 200
nest L.	305 1480	Dunnells, F. A.	535 1600
Day, Samuel	286 700	Dunnells, G. O.	271 1300
Dexter, Hoyt	1375	Donelson, C. L.	845 3600
Dennison &		Davenport, Jona-	
Smith	4200	than E.	935 3000
Dennison, H. H.	800	Dwight, J. A. &	
Dwight, E. M.	740 3000	Son	658 1850
Davenport, A. O.	195 375	Deane, E. J.	20
Dennison, A. E.	75		
Elwell, Walter	100		
Faulkner, D. S.	225	Fairbanks, F. S.	288 500

Personal.		Real.	Personal.		Real.
Finck, H. C.	\$ 243	\$ 1305	Fairbanks, L. A.	\$ 75	
Finck, Fred,	235	560	Fairbanks Bros.		\$ 275
Fairbanks, L.W.	105	980	Fish, Arthur, and		
Fairbanks, C. M.	477	1115	Mary Nichols,	460	400
Fairbanks, O. R.	447	1150			
Gunn, Mrs. A. M.	565	2200	Gallupe, Perry	430	1200
Goiott, Jos.	35		Galvin, Jas.	874	3325
Godnow, Winfred	560		Griswold, Jos.,		
Green, Gilbert		200	heirs		300
Galvin, P. W.	15		Gallipault, Fred	5	
Gilderdale, H. G.	38		Griswold, Lor-		
Gallipault, F. E.	242	850	enzo	5990	
Graham, J. D.	120		Griswoldville Mfg.		
Gildechrist, J. D.	110		Co.	59,775	51,600
Gabriel, J.W.,Sr.	20				
Howard, H. A.	235	675	Hillman, C. W.	350	760
Howard, H. A. &			Hager, L. S.	120	450
Charles Snow,			Horan, Anthony,	100	
heirs		150	Herzig, Albert,	210	500
Hinsdale, A. W.	200	1400	Herzig, Rudolph,	352	1400
Howard, J. H.	433	1800	Hillman, Wayne	1045	1825
Hathaway, G. E.		600	Harris, L. D.	80	700
Herzig, Benj.		425	Harris, M. S.	807	2500
Herzig, Philip	84	500	Howard, H. M.		700
Jurik, Jos.	210	675	Jeffords heirs and		
Johnson, M. M.	375	2180	Sarah M. Jef-		
Joy, Mrs. H. R.		800	fords		455
Johnson, S. B.	416	1500	Joy, I. N.	239	900
Jeffords, F. W.	65		Johnson, E. M.	20	

Personal. Real.			Personal. Real.		
Kemp, W. H.	\$893	\$3500	Kendrick, O. B.		
Kemp, Horace & Son	965	3180	estate,		\$ 840
Kendrick, F. L.	669	2105	Kelley, Walter,	28	450
			Kemp, O. D.	550	1100
			Kendrick, Edgar	100	880
Looman, J. R.	210	900	Lusty, David		725
Lively, Jos. Jr.	556	2000	Lusty, Chas.	295	1100
Lively & Gallipault	233	900	Looman, Patrick	400	1510
Larrabee, Harry	225	1000	LaValley, Jos.	25	
Lusher, Rudolph	275	1760	Looman, Michael	105	
Looman, Thos.		150	Lively, Jos., Sr.	365	900
LeClair, Mrs. Melissa	115	1000	Lynd, Mrs. F. E.		475
LaPier, C.	90		Lamorie, Nelson		775
			Leavitt, M. A.	150	
Miller, B. F.	235	1600	McGee, Mrs. E.		
McGee, C. W.	205	850	S.		750
Miner, J. N.	185	800	Miller, Geo.	43	
Miner, C. D.	259	1400	McClellan, J. F.	607	2725
Moore, L. B. & Son	282	1425	Mathys, Geo.	140	1050
Martin, Wm.	350	1200	Mather, J. A.	145	
Marcy, C. A.	1210	4190	Maxam, C. W.	285	1115
Morton, G. P.	475	1400	Merrifield, F. L.	1250	2625
Miner & White	675	1450	Miner, Mrs. J. C.	65	400
Martin, R. E.	312	1320	M. E. Society		1000
Mukel, Wm.		75	Morris, Alfred		225
McCloud, F. A.	520	1200	Marcy, Donelson,		
Meachan, H. S.	223		Marcy & Carter	3000	3090
Miller, Robt.	260	2110	Massaemet Yarn		
Miller, H. B.	595	2275	Mills,	11,800	15,150
McGee, C. C.	175				

	Personal.	Real.		Personal.	Real.
Nichols, M. O.	\$700	\$1200	Nelson, Mrs. M.		
Nichols, O. F.	135	300	A.	\$315	\$1600
Nelson, A. O.	310	1350	Nelson, Geo. R.	565	1125
O'Brien, Thos.	220	150	O'Brien, Mrs. Emma		2700
Parker, E. J.	128	950	Purrington, H. F.	25	
Purrington, F. L.	260	1150	Purrington, Ida M.		920
Patterson, G. R.	81	100	Peters, Herbert	25	700
Pitt, G. W.	125		Purrington, J. M.	45	
Purrington, F.			Pierce, G. L.	475	2300
W.	2707	4350	Porter, R. C.	145	625
Patterson, Miss			Purrington, H. C.		225
Mary		100	Purrington, N. H.	595	1700
Pelchie, E.	200		Purrington, G. R.	748	2600
Peterson, H. M.	50	1300	Peterson, M. N.	412	1700
Purrington, R. E.	761	2100	Pierce, D. M.	245	1300
Pike, Mrs. Maria		350			
Reid, Fred	375	900	Reed, Mrs. G. A.		1200
Richards, Thos.	70	550	Revoir, Peter	65	
Russell, C. J.	775	4500	Roberts, C. &		
Russell, Mrs. G. A.		800	Co.	550	2500
Russell, Mrs.			Riodeau, Geo.	25	
Mary	1000				
Shearer, T. C.			Stone, Samuel	173	1400
estate		750	Stone, Moses	10	440
Smith, E. B.	143	1625	Smith, A. C.		1050
Starkey, F. A.	240	750	Smith, Chas. A.	539	2625
Sherman, J. P.	150	525	Smith, H. J.	415	1450
Smead, Thos. &			Sturtevant, J. P.	410	750
Son	540	2450	Stetson Bros.	665	2650

Personal. Real.			Personal. Real.		
Stone, Eli,	\$177	\$ 800	Shippee, Mrs. F.		
Stewart, E. B.	475	2700	B. and daugh-		
Stewart, L. B.	60		ters,	\$ 54	\$ 400
Shearer, Jas.	210	1500	Stacy, R. W. &		
Sessler, Wm.	250	1150	Son	587	1400
Stewart, Amos	430	1700	Shearer, J. M.	1690	
Stewart & Root	670	2350	Smith, Chester		
Smith, A. F.	90		W.	862	4125
Scott, H. O. &			Spurr, Mrs. Antis		1295
Son	927	3400	Smith, W. W.	100	
Smith, E. C. &			Snow, David		50
Son	1420	1350	Shaw, Kate		500
Smith & Hill-			S. F. & C. St.		
man	2800	1250	Ry. Co.		800
Schechterlee, Got-			Stratton, Mrs. L.		
fred	477		W.		1300
Smith, Chas. W.	870	4050			
Thompson, M. A.			Temple, A. H. &		
& Son,	740	2200	Son	120	1400
Thompson, L. H.	512	1550	Thomas, A. L.		
Thompson, J. W.	150	450	estate,	600	585
Thompson, H. W.	804	2150	Temple, S. E.	879	3250
Thompson, F. M.			Thompson, Frank	250	1200
& Mrs. C. J.	233	1800	Thompson, G. A.	230	1200
Taylor, O. H.	180	725	Thompson, Miss		
Tinkham, J. W.	55	1000	Jane		500
Underwood, E. H.	165	600			
Vincent, O. E.	25	50			
Walden & Gil-			White, C. F. &		
christ,	1000		Son	1012	2000

Personal. Real.		Personal. Real.	
Warner, G. W.	\$925 \$2650	Ware, F. L.	\$ 95
Wood, S. E.	232 800	Weed, S. M.	90
Williams, L. C.	575	Wheeler, S. N.	240
White, Luke	63 475	Wheeler, S. W.	680 3950
		Whitman, Chas.	20
York, Luther	400	York, J. O.	100
York, H. J.	500		
Zrannig, Jos.	450		

Non-Resident Tax Payers,

Personal. Real.		Personal. Real.	
Allen, Sylvanus	\$1075		
Barber, Matthew	1200	Billings, Mrs.	
Ballou, Francis	75	Abbie	\$500
Barber, Wm.	500		
Conant, Mrs. Sarah	950	Clapp, J. W.	800
Dennison, A. J.	180		
Everett, Mrs. S.			
P.	1000		
Fournier, Geo.	325		
Graves, A. T.	400	Gillett, R. W.	300
Hobart, E. D.	500	Handforth, Henry, estate	600
Johnson, Lewis		Johnson, A. C.	75
heirs	700	Jeffords, Chas.	260

	Personal.	Real.		Personal.	Real.
Kinsman, W. E.		\$300	Kemp, W. S.	\$415	\$1600
Loomis, Austin		500	Lynde, Gilbert,	30	
Lowe, I. A.	\$ 83	1800	Long, S. M. estate		500
Lynde Bros.		135	Leach, Whitman		500
Marey, C. D. W.		1000			
Noyse, C. D.	990	3300	Niles, E. S.	110	
Purrington, M. S. & Son		300			
O'Brien, D. J.		200			
Richmond, A., estate		350	Richmond, Lorenzo		350
			Ross, R. S.		100
Shearer, T. R.		1850	Smith, E. W. estate		500
Shearer, Mrs. H.			Sessler, F.		500
S.		225	Smith, A. B.	100	
Steele, G. H.		70	Smith, C. Webster		125
Shaw, Elijah		125	Smith, Mrs. C. O.		450
Tribe, Thos.		50	Tenny, Herman		200
Upton F. S.		75			
Van Vaulkenburg, J. C.		100			
Woodward, E. I.		150	Ware, E. B.		500
Worden, Chas.	125	375	Winn, Burt,	600	

List of Abatements on Taxes for 1904.

Davenport, E. L.	\$2 52	Hill, Edward	\$2 00
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Cromack, C. H.	\$ 1 58	Palmer, Jas.	\$ 2 00
Pierce, G. L.	2 10	Barrett, Richard	2 00
O'Brien, Mrs. Emma	10 50	Raymond, Joe	2 00
Hager, L. S.	1 05	Bullock, A. R.,	2 00
Call, Mrs. Orsau	7 35	Coutu, E. S.,	2 00
Donelson, C. L.	2 10	Balyle, Victor	2 00
Kemp, Geo.	2 00	Stall, John	2 00
King, Edward,	2 00	Cary, Henry	2 00
L. B. Moore estate,	2 00	Lamaraux, Nelson	12 08
Hartwell, Earl	2 00		
Total,			65 28

Table of Aggregates.

Number of Polls assessed,	452
Residents assessed on property,	364
Non-residents assessed on property,	50
Horses assessed,	440
Cows assessed	970
Sheep assessed,	818
Swine assessed,	176
Neat cattle assessed,	772
Dwelling houses assessed,	336
Value of assessed personal estate,	\$183,856 00
Value of assessed real estate,	428,454 00
Total valuation real estate,	\$612,320 00
Rate of total tax per \$1,000,	21 00
Total tax,	\$13,762 75

CHAS. A. STEWART, } Assessors
JOHN A. DWIGHT, } of
HUGH B. MILLER, } Colrain.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH.

There have been but few cases of contagious disease in town during the year, one case of diphtheria only being reported to the board.

Several severe cases of tonsilitis have occurred that required a bacteriological examination of the throat to make a positive differential diagnosis between tonsilitis and diphtheria.

The State Board of Health makes such examination free of charge to anyone in the State if the local boards will keep on hand the requisite material for doing it, which the State Board furnishes free, excepting transportation charges.

The State Board also furnishes antitoxin for use in diphtheria, and also, within the past year, have begun the free distribution of vaccine virus.

In order that the people should receive the benefit of these provisions of the State, the local boards are required to keep the proper materials on hand, as they are not supplied direct to physicians. This prevents the loss that would occur by the supplies being scattered. During the past year the board has kept on hand these necessary materials and would recommend it being done in the future, that the people of this town may receive the benefits provided for them by the Commonwealth.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. THOMPSON,	} Board of Health.
W. H. KEMP,	
C. W. SMITH,	
J. W. CRAM, Sec.	

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF COLRAIN

FOR THE

YEAR 1904—1905.

SCHOOL CALENDAR.

SPRING TERM.—Begins April 3; ends June 23, twelve weeks.

FALL TERM.—Begins August 28; ends November 24, thirteen weeks.

In the following schools the fall term will begin August 14: Adamsville, Christian Hill, Wilson Hill, South, Bardwell, Four Corners.

WINTER TERM.—Begins December 4; ends February 23, eleven weeks.

VACATION.—Thanksgiving week, and December 23 to January 1.

HOLIDAYS.—Patriot's Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, February 22.

School Committee.

ARTHUR A. SMITH, Chairman,

JONATHAN E. DAVENPORT, Secretary,

——(Vacancy)——

CHARLES P. HALL, Superintendent.

Truant Officers.

FRANK A. BENNETT,

FRED L. KENDRICK.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FELLOW CITIZENS :

In presenting our report for the year past, we desire to state that your committee has worked harmoniously with the Superintendent in conducting the schools of the town. The duties of the Superintendent are clearly defined by statute, and if properly performed are of great benefit to the schools and aid to the Committee. We therefore urge you to ponder well the report of our Superintendent which is herewith submitted. The laws of Massachusetts are stringent upon attendance of children at school, nothing but sickness can release a child between the ages of seven and fourteen years from compliance. How important it is then that the home influence should be for the schools.

Prof. H. H. Horne of Dartmouth College, in a recent lecture upon the home and school, used these words : "The home can and ought to help the school, by using the best English it knows, by raising the standard of the habitual manners, by supporting the school requirements in study, by meeting the needs of the individual child, by setting moral examples worthy of imitation, by formal religious instruction, and by appreciating the teacher. The school can and ought to help the home by producing an adequate variety of means for self government, by good discipline, by expanding the sympathy, by throwing a youth on his mettle, by subjecting boys and girls to the force of public opinion in the school, by developing the instinct of comradeship and leadership and the formation of good business habits. In brief, the home can prepare for the school, and the school can supplement the home." If this is true and who can doubt it, is it to be wondered that our commonwealth should be interested in the public schools.

Let us then encourage the schools, showing our gratitude to the State by a hearty compliance with its requirements. The expense of our truant officers suggests that there should be better home discipline on the part of some parents than now exists. The school year commenced with the fall term in September. Your Committee decided to contract with the teachers we desired to retain for one year, and with a small increase in their salaries we have been able to keep the majority of them in your service. We are to be congratulated upon the increase of the Massachusetts school fund which must be used for the benefit of the schools. We believe that with the same appropriation for schools the present year as the past, with the increase of the State school fund, that we can secure a teacher of music for our schools. We therefore heartily concur with our Superintendent in his recommendation, "That music be introduced in our schools."

Great pride is manifest in our larger towns and cities in their school buildings, large sums of money are expended in their construction. There is no reason why the scholars in the rural schools should not enjoy equal privileges, only the expense, yet we can in every school add much to the beauty of the house and surroundings. We have expended quite a sum of money during the year in necessary repairs upon the Griswoldville and Foundryville school buildings.

Increased interest in our schools is manifest by the much larger attendance at different high schools of pupils from this town, many laboring under disadvantages from long distances to travel. We are proud of the fact that pupils from our town rank well in scholarship and all that makes the model student of the present day. We ask the hearty co operation of the citizens and particularly the patrons of the schools, in aiding the Superintendent and teachers to a higher standard of education in town. Do not take the privileges of school from a child at the age of fourteen years, but rather encourage a

continuance of study until he or she is fitted for life's work. Let us all encourage a sentiment in favor of our public schools, remembering that "knowledge is power," and fortunate are those who can acquire a good education.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RESOURCES.

Town appropriation for schools,	\$4,500 00
Town appropriation for School Superintendent.	300 00
Received from Massachusetts school fund,	1,052 92
Received tuition of State wards,	65 50
Received rebate from State on Superintendent's salary,	200 00
Received High school tuition from State,	799 50
Received tuition from Shelburne,	126 00
Received from dog fund,	71 10
Received from C.W. Hillman, overpay,	6 59
Balance from 1904,	427 39
	\$7,549 00

EXPENDITURES.

Paid old bills,	\$2 20
Teachers,	3,578 00
Transportation,	726 30
Supplies,	299 86
Repairs,	588 45
High school tuition,	912 00
Cleaning and care of school rooms,	116 80

Paid Fuel,	\$161 68	
Incidentals,	30 44	
School Superintendent,	275 00	
Truant officers,	18 25	
Land at Foundry school house,	50 00	
		\$6,758 98
Balance in treasury, Feb. 20, 1905,		\$790 02

OLD BILLS.

Paid Lawrence Green,	\$2 20
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TEACHERS' SALARIES.

Paid Edith M. Smith,	\$242 00
Alta J. Carpenter,	282 00
Mildred A. Patch,	96 00
Florence L. Thompson,	256 00
Myra L. Hillman,	248 00
Laura E. Braley,	300 00
Sadie D. Miller,	168 00
Bessie Hillman,	156 50
Alice B. Knowlton,	84 00
Laurie F. Wetmore,	266 00
Alice M. Chapman,	29 40
Katherine E. Burke,	246 00
Alice M. Thompson,	168 00
Nina M. Dexter,	97 50
Ruby S. Perkins,	47 50
Mary D. Clark,	9 60
Elsie W. Cronan,	234 00
Elsie M. Mattison,	84 00
Hope Hotchkiss,	78 00
Bessie Kemp,	233 00
Irene Nichols,	34 00

Paid Martha S. Donelson,	\$72 00	
Bertha M. Gleason,	75 00	
Lura E. Hite,	71 50	
		\$3,578 00

TRANSPORTATION.

Paid S. E. Wood,	\$63 20	
W. H. Bardwell,	89 60	
S. N. Day,	150 00	
W. R. Bridges,	167 50	
G. H. Nelson,	39 00	
I. N. Joy,	105 00	
Fred Fink,	112 00	
		\$726 30

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION.

Paid Shelburne,	\$882 00	
Greenfield,	30 00	
		\$912 00

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Paid Ginn & Co.,	\$58 22	
E. E. Babb & Co.,	46 97	
American Book Co.,	38 84	
D. C. Heath & Co.,	17 14	
G. & C. Merriam Co.,	20 40	
Holden Pat. Book Cover Co.,	14 32	
Rand, McNally & Co.,	21 36	
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	3 36	
Eagle Pencil Co.,	13 50	
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	6 00	

Paid B. H. Sanborn & Co.,	\$11 67	
Maynard, Merrill & Co.,	4 00	
		\$255 78
Paid Shelburne, balance in exchange,		20 23
Buckland, balance in exchange,		6 20
C. P. Hall, sundries,		17 65
Total cost,		299 86

REPAIRS.

Paid M. N. Peterson,	\$53 87
Charles Moore,	2 50
J. P. Sturtevant,	12 20
Purrington & Reed,	29 07
J. E. Davenport,	20 35
H. S. Swan Co.,	2 50
E. M. Johnson,	1 10
R. H. Peterson,	50
C. W. Hillman,	3 39
E. Hall,	10 00
Mack Maguire,	13 15
J. W. Tinkham,	4 25
J. A. Richmond & Sons,	72 38
H. C. Purrington,	12 20
A. A. Smith,	11 25
R. W. Temple,	2 50
G. W. Cary,	78 41
Griswoldville Mfg. Co.,	67 73
J. M. Purinton,	31 20
J. M. Shearer,	51 01
W. H. Davenport,	1 50
C. A. Smith,	9 00
H. Newell & Co.,	8 98

Paid Dennison & Smith,	\$13 25
A. R. Dennison,	39 71
O. D. Case Co.,	36 10

\$588 45

Paid repairs at Foundry school house,	\$ 276 20
Repairs at Griswoldvill school house,	257 80

FUEL.

Paid Harry Bell,	\$21 17
W. R. Bridges,	14 50
William Apt,	10 65
W. H. Davenport,	11 00
C. J. Moore,	13 50
J. R. Looman,	10 30
C. L. Donelson,	12 46
C. W. Hillman,	26 12
J. B. Cromack & Son,	2 75
F. L. Kendrick,	8 63
W. W. Smith,	8 10
Chester W. Smith,	2 50
Charles W. Smith,	20 00

\$161 68

CLEANING AND CARE OF SCHOOL ROOMS.

Paid Harry Bell,	\$1 50
Laurie F. Wetmore,	1 00
J. W. Tinkham,	8 75
Sophronia Guyett,	3 30
Cora E. Williams,	2 00
Laura E. Braley,	10 85
Dora M. Miller,	2 20
Hope Hotchkiss,	2 40
Ancil Bell,	1 00

Paid Lura Bell,	\$8 20
Mildred Starkey,	2 80
Myra L. Hillman,	8 00
Mildred S Patch,	3 00
Mrs. E. H. Thompson,	2 90
Herbert Peterson,	3 60
Katherine E. Burke,	8 40
Jesse Dunnell,	2 40
Geo. M. Harris,	5 80
Howard Kemp,	2 50
Lawrence Green,	1 40
Louis Martin;	3 50
Ida E. Billiel,	1 20
Mabel K. Thompson,	1 20
Ira C. Miner,	1 20
Nina M. Dexter,	1 00
Bessie M. Kemp,	4 25
Willie Looman,	2 40
Mrs. James Looman,	4 00
Mary Storms,	3 00
Fred Bridges,	1 00
Ruthy King,	1 20
Raymond Cutting,	65
Albro M. Apt,	1 60
Willis Coutie,	60
Bertha M. Gleason,	1 50
Robert Miller,	50

\$116 80

INCIDENTALS.

Paid C. P. Hall,	\$11 75
L. F. Wetmore,	2 10
A. A. Smith,	50

Paid J. F. Temple,	\$2 00
Geo. W. Cary,	4 40
Dennison & Smith,	4 24
E. M. Johnson,	58
H. O. Scott,	1 65
J. E. Davenport.	2 27
S. F. & C. St. Railway Co.,	95
	\$30 44

TRUANT OFFICERS.

Paid F. A. Bennett,	\$6 50
F. L. Kendrick,	11 75
	\$18 25

A. A. SMITH, } School Committee
 J. E. DAVENPORT, } of Colrain.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have this day examined the bills paid by the School Committee, and compared same with orders given and pronounce same correct. Have also examined the accounts of the Librarian, and same is also correct.

H. O. SCOTT, Auditor.

Colrain, Feb. 21, 1905.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Committee of Colrain :

I hereby submit to you and the people of this town my twelfth report concerning its schools.

The people of a community examine a school report with

varied interest and motive. The taxpayer looks for the money statistics with an eye to the items of expense. If, perchance, the cost is a little less than last year and within the appropriation he pronounces it a good report.

The real citizen seeks to ascertain what training the boys and girls have had in shaping habits of character and business capacity which make for true citizenship. The true parent wishes to find what has been done and with what success to give his boy or girl all he ought to expect from the schools. And all read with more or less interest the suggestions and plans for greater success in the future.

TEACHERS.

The teacher is so important a factor in any school that no report is complete that ignores the part he has taken or must needs take in the school work. The characteristics which make a really successful teacher are much the same in all ages, but the opportunities for broadening and strengthening these are much greater to-day than at any previous time. Motive is the power that drives life's work, and this in the teacher is the determination to place himself in the front rank. With this main-spring of action he seeks for everything that he thinks will be of help to him. He looks for high ideals; notes and studies the things which make good schools and good teachers, as he sees them; reads books for information in regard to subject matter taught, and to know how to teach it.

The teacher needs to study the capacity of the child, not in regard to how many facts may be poured into his mind; how many dates in history, rules in arithmetic or definitions in grammar and geography may be committed to memory; but with reference to the development of the whole child. This

study leads not only to training the child's memory, but helps him to see the relation of cause and effect, as they are manifested in everyday life, and helps him to trace the beautiful harmony in this world he lives in.

And the true teacher not only studies the child, but puts himself in genuine sympathy with him, lifting him up when he is in trouble and rejoicing with him in his time of joy. The teacher, who took Henry's hand one morning last year, and said, "I have thought about you a great deal, since your mother died the other day;" and who said to Lucy a few days later, "You must be very happy since the little brother came into your home," not only touched responsive chords in their hearts, but put herself in position to influence their lives and help to mould character. Without this tie of sympathy between teacher and pupil, the work of the school-room becomes largely that of a tread-mill for both of them.

Too many parents are satisfied if their children are trained to make a living. The ideal teacher looks beyond the living to the life. The difference is wide at the first, and widens with the lapse of years. The beast of the field makes a living. He eats, drinks, sleeps, dies, and is forgotten. Some men do the same; they eat, sleep and die, and the world scarcely knows that they are gone. They make a living, but it is not life. The real life developed in a pupil makes its presence felt wherever he is; in the home, in the school-room, on the play-ground, and, later, in the community, in the state, and in the church; its influence is ennobling and uplifting, begetting sweeter influences everywhere. Such teaching is only done through the life and sympathy of the teacher.

Charles Wagner recently said: "Our educative influence is determined by what predominates in us. We communicate to children less of what we say than of what we are, and if our moral path be crooked, it is useless to point out the straight and narrow way; the child holding our hand walks as we

walk." The every-day life of the teacher in school and out, her personal contact with her boys and girls, the associates she chooses outside of school, her habits of order, promptness, cleanliness, justice toward others;—these are influences to become part of the character and life of her pupils.

I think that we may congratulate ourselves that so large a number of our teachers seem possessed with these high ideals of their work. And since this is the case, it is but just that we show our appreciation by some word of approval or heartfelt kindness. The life of a teacher at its best is full of anxiety, care and hard work, but the burden is lightened when she knows that parents and citizens in general give her appreciative and loyal support in it.

At the beginning of the fall term the following changes were made in our teaching force: Miss Alice Knowlton of Shelburne Falls, was elected to the Churchill school; Miss Bessie Hillman to Christian Hill; Miss Alice Thompson to Wilson Hill; Miss Bessie Kemp to the Four Corners; Miss Nina Dexter to the South school, and Miss Ruby Perkins of Shelburne Falls, assistant at Shattuckville. At the opening of the winter term, Miss Myra Hillman was transferred to the Adamsville school, and Mrs. Martha Donelson took her place in the Griswoldville grammar school; Miss Lura Hite of Buckland, took charge of the Christian Hill school, and Miss Bertha Gleason of the South. At the opening of the fall term the large number of classes in the Centre school seemed to make it necessary to employ an assistant, and Miss Irene Nicholls was engaged for one-half the time each day.

COURSE OF STUDY.

There has been little change in our course of study for the past six years. We have given more time and attention to

reading in the past two or three years, especially in the lower grades, the results of which have been quite satisfactory. Our children now read two or three more books each year than they did a few years ago.

We have given less attention this year also to abstract work with numbers, laying more stress upon concrete work, as measuring with inch scale, testing time on clock dial, etc. There has been quite an active agitation of the subject of penmanship for the past few years. Vertical penmanship had scarcely won its place among the schools of the country when a vigorous warfare was begun by the publishers and friends of the "medial (or modified) slant." This has been kept up until in many places the vertical has given place to the modified slant. I find that some superintendents and teachers who have tried the latter still desire to keep the vertical in the lower grades because it helps the children to better shaped letters. It has not seemed wise to us to make any change.

This town has had twenty-eight pupils in Arms Academy this year, which shows that parents have begun to appreciate the excellent opportunities for secondary education at our doors, and are themselves making extra sacrifices that their boys and girls may avail themselves of these privileges.

At the close of the fall term the number of children in the Churchill school was so small that it was decided to close the school and transport the children to Adamsville. This has proved a very satisfactory arrangement. It not only lessens the expense, but the pupils are more enthusiastic in their work than in a small school.

During the summer vacation the primary room in the house at the Foundry was enlarged and new seats put in to accommodate twelve more pupils. This makes a very pleasant room, but the enlargement came none too soon for every seat has been filled. There is need of more blackboard space and I suggest that real slate boards be put in the coming summer.

At the Griswoldville school new water-closets were put in, a new chimney was built to avoid the long stretch of pipe which has been very troublesome, and the light in the rooms was very much improved by putting in prism windows. These changes have very much improved the conditions at that school. The town is indebted to the Griswoldville Manufacturing Co. for a large share of the expense, including the water supply for the closets.

The stove-pipe at Shattuckville has been very troublesome this winter on account of the dripping of soot and creosote. Efforts have been made to remedy it but with very little success. I suggest that it may be best to take the chimney down and put it at the other end of the house, where the stretch of pipe will be very much shorter. The inside of this house also needs painting to counteract the effects of the smoke. Two or three of the houses will also need painting on the outside.

The attendance this year has been better than usual until the winter term, when the grippe or prevailing cold has not only taken many of the children out of school, but three of the teachers had to be absent for a few days each.

Ever since we have had music in the schools of Bucklaed and Shelburne I have been anxious to have it in the schools of this town. When the children of the three towns come together in the Academy, those from Colrain are at a disadvantage in this respect. A good many of the parents have wished that the children could in some way get this drill in music. But the school appropriation has been so large during these years that it has not seemed best to ask for the extra amount necessary to put music into the schools. Now, however, there seems to be a way to have it without any additional tax upon the people of the town. By the recent law Colrain gets fully twice as much school money from the state as it did before. This is granted not with

the purpose of lessening the amount raised by the towns, but to make the schools more efficient. A legitimate use for part of this fund would be the placing of music in our schools, and I trust that it will be done this year.

I wish to express thanks for the loyal support that I have received in my work during the year from committee, teachers, and parents.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES P. HALL,

Superintendent.

TRUANT OFFICERS' REPORT.

Mr. C. P. Hall, Superintendent of Schools :

I hereby submit my report as follows:

Number of notices received from teachers,	14
Number of visits to families,	10
Number of visits to schools,	3
Number kept out by parents,	12
Number of truants,	2
Number of arrests,	1
All returned to school.	

Respectfully submitted,

F. L. KENDRICK,

Truant Officer.

February 7, 1905.

Mr. C. P. Hall, Superintendent of Schools :

The following is my report for the year, 1904-05 :

Number of cases investigated,	24
Number kept out by parents,	5
Truants,	14
Kept out by sickness,	5
All returned to school.	

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK A. BENNETT, Truant Officer.

STATISTICAL TABLE. *

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Terms.	Wages per Month.	Whole No. enrolled.		Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance.	Days of Absence.	(cases of Tardiness.	(cases of Dismissal.
				Boys.	Girls.						
Adamsville, Bardwell, Centre,	{ Ethel J. White, Sadie D. Miller,	1	\$28 00	11	6	14 3	13 6	94 7	138	39	16
	{ Katherine E. Burke, Laura E. Braley,	2	28 00	6	4	9 8	8 6	85 6	215	37	6
	{ Hope M. Hotchkiss, Bessie M. Kemp,	3	32 00	10	16	25 6	23 6	92 1	341	106	40
Christian Hill, Churchill.	{ Bessie A. Hillman, Grace A. Cunningham,	2	24 00	10	5	13 2	11 6	87 9	262	19	3
	{ Florence L. Thompson, Alta J. Carpenter,	1	24 00	7	6	11 7	10 9	93 1	144	49	9
	{ Edith M. Smith, Elsie M. Matteson,	3	32 00	14	9	21 7	20 0	92 1	307	107	24
Foundry Grammar Foundry Primary,	{ Elva M. Copeland, Nina M. Dexter,	2	34 00	17	13	31 2	28 0	89 8	517	90	86
	{ Helen M. Church, Myra L. Hillman,	3	30 00	28	19	32 5	28 4	87 1	686	146	20
	{ Elsie W. Cronan,	1	26 00	9	10	11 8	10 8	91 9	138	146	6
Four Corners, Griswoldville Grammar,	{	1	24 00								
	{	1	28 00	8	14	21 3	20 1	94 2	209	115	57
	{	2	28 00								
Grisville Primary,	{	3	26 00	12	11	22 5	21 1	93 8	251	30	36

Shattuckville,	{ Laurie F. Wetmore,	3 \$32 00	23	16	38 5	36 0	93 4	475	98	83
South,	{ Alice Chapman, Asst.,	3 9 50	11	15	22 2	19 3	92 2	300	22	3
	{ Mildred A. Patch,	3 32 00								
	{ Nina M. Dexter,	1 24 00	7	7	12 1	10 9	90 6	208	89	25
Wilson Hill,	{ Ethel J. White,	1 28 00								
	{ Hope M. Hotchkiss,	1 26 00								
			173	151	288 4	262 9	91 2	4191	1093	414

* Year Closing June, 1904.

Books and Supplies.

Value of books and supplies on hand

March 1, 1905,	\$159 68
Purchased during the year,	299 86

 \$459 54

Issued to Schools.

Number Pupils.

Adamsville,	15	\$24 24
Bardwell,	14	21 61
Centre,	31	22 63
Christian Hill,	15	20 01
Churchill,	12	14 54
Elm Grove,	23	23 95
Foundry Grammar,	31	22 96
Foundry Primary,	42	20 73
Four Corners,	15	18 12
Griswoldville Grammar,	21	30 88
Griswoldville Primary,	28	22 48
Shattuckville,	45	30 09
South,	23	23 11
Wilson Hill,	11	18 81

 326

 \$314 16

 \$145 38

326 pupils with an average cost of 96 cents per pupil for books and supplies for the year.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following pupils have not been absent, tardy or dismissed during the number of terms mentioned, closing with the fall of 1904 :

TWELVE TERMS.

Pearl Kendrick.

FIVE TERMS.

Nellie Kemp.

THREE TERMS.

Overlaw Peltier,

Hazel Dunnell,
Ruth Graham,
Grace Hall,

TWO TERMS.

Walter Coutu,
Myron Dunnell,
Lawrence Green,
Charles Kelley,
Wilfred LaPierre,
Walter LaValley,
Guy Miner,
Leo Parker,
Frank Perrault,
Raymond Starkey,
Charles Underwood,
James Warner,

Mildred Apt,
Flora Bell,
Gertrude Bell,
Lefa Crosier,
Ellen Dunnell,
Florence Kelley,
Florence McClellan,
Irene Peterson,
Clara Starkey,
Ellen Storms,
Dorothy Warner
Goldie Wood,
Inez Wood,
Mary York.

ONE TERM.

Russell Apt,
Charles Bell,
Perley Carr,
Frank Chevalier,
Frederic Coburn,
Fritz Coburn,
Noah Coburn,
John Coombs,
Robert Coombs,
Henry Frappier,
George Harris,
Ezra Hersig,
John Hillman,
Francis Kelley,
Henry Kelley,
Ellsworth Kemp,
Merritt King,
William Merkle,
Arthur Miller,
Russell Nichols,
Charles O'Brien,
James O'Brien,
Thomas O'Brien,
Louis Peltier,
Herbert Peterson,
Roy Peterson,
Frank Richards,

Lura Bell,
Margaret Browning,
Ruth Burrington,
Annie Bushey,
Mamie Bushey,
Ida Carey,
Pearl Carey,
Caroline Coburn,
Lena Collis,
Louise Coutu,
Lena Cusson,
Maud Day,
Marion Donelson,
Louise Finck,
Minnie Galipault,
Majorie Hale,
Della Hersig,
Nora Hersig,
Alice Joy,
Ruth King,
Emma LaValley,
Carrie McGee,
Helen McGee,
Jennie Martin,
Ruby Martin,
Gladys Matteson,
Maud Paradee,

Frederic Sessler,
Forrest Temple,
Walter Underwood,
Norman York,

Edith Mitchell,
Malah Russell,
Mary Sessler,
Mildred Shearer,
Estella Smith,
Mildred Starkey,
Pearl Stone,
Olive Storms,
Vincie Temple.
Ethel Wood,
Blanche York.

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

RESOURCES.

Town appropriation,	\$150 00	
Balance on hand from last year,	1 22	
Received for fines,	1 73	
		\$152 95

EXPENDITURES.

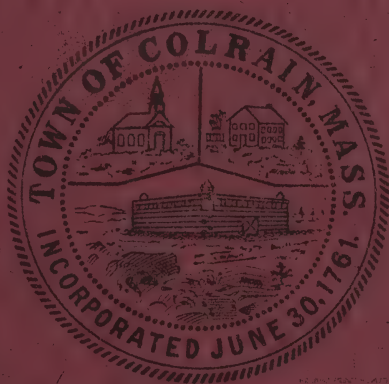
Paid Librarian's salary and rent,	\$75 00	
for books,	57 40	
for magazines,	16 90	
for express and postage,	1 14	
		\$150 44
Balance on hand Feb. 20, 1905,		\$2 51

Number of books in library March	
20, 1904,	1944
Added by purchase,	104
Books in library Feb. 18, 1905,	2,048

Books loaned from library during		
year,	2,384	
Books loaned from Adamsville during		
year,	228	
Books loaned from Elm Grove during		
year,	146	
Books loaned from Christian Hill		
during year,	505	
Books loaned from East Colrain		
during year,	59	
Total circulation,		3,322

A. A. SMITH,
J. E. DAVENPORT, } Trustees.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Town of
Colrain for the Year Ending January 31, 1906.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, February 18, 1905,	\$3,073 42
From Jovid Baylele, account of burial lot,	2 00
A. Payent, account of burial lot,	2 00
R. E. Purrington, butcher's license,	1 00
State Treasurer, account of sick paupers,	8 00
Tuition of State children,	98 00
Superintendent of Schools,	200 00
Inspector of animals,	20 00
Corporation tax,	701 16
National bank tax,	340 58
State aid,	440 00
High School tuition,	942 00
Income of Massachusetts's school fund,	831 74
Trustees of Quintus Allen fund,	160 38
S. Falls National Bank, temporary loan,	1,000 00
District Court of Franklin, account of fines,	50 00
C. J. Russell, account of liquor license,	250 00
C. J. Russell, inholder's license,	1 00
J. E. Davenport, account of school house,	12
County Treasurer's acct of dog fund returned	84 80
Town of Shelburne, account of tuition,	130 00
Charles D. Miner, account of over payment,	4 50
A. H. Temple, account of tax of 1905,	12,243 78

\$20,584 48

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Selectmen's orders,	\$10,808 41
School Committee's orders,	6,740 83
Library Trustee's orders,	28 61
Assessor's abatements,	16 09
Cash on hand,	2,990 54
	\$20,584 48

TOWN'S INDEBTEDNESS.

E. H. Gay & Co.,	\$3,000 00
Greenfield Savings Bank,	1,050 00
Shelburne Falls Savings Bank,	395 00
	\$4,445 00

R. C. HILLMAN, Treasurer.

COLRAIN, Feb. 9, 1906.

I have this day finished my examination of the books and accounts of R. C. Hillman, Town Treasurer, from Feb. 18, 1905, to Feb. 1, 1906, and certify that they are correct.

I find a balance in the Treasurer's hands of \$2,990 54 and \$1,430.03 due from the tax collector.

Respectfully,

H. O. SCOTT,

Auditor.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

R. C. HILLMAN, TOWN CLERK.

Dr.

In account with the Town of Colrain, 1905—1906.

Cash received from 96 licenses, male

dogs, \$192 00

Cash received from 5 licenses, female dogs (spayed),	\$10 00
Cash received from 9 licenses, female dogs,	45 00

\$247 00

C.R.

Cash paid County Treasurer,	\$225 00
Clerk's fees,	22 00

\$247 00

Statistics From Town Clerk's Records.

Births recorded in the town of Colrain for the year 1905:

Date	Name	Name of Parents.
Jan. 5.	Raymond Gadreault,	Frank and Sarah
Jan. 5.	Elwidge Stone,	Eli and Helen
Jan. 8.	Regina Albertine Galipault,	Alfred and Lizzie
Jan. 8.	Lottie Rose Brenard,	Fred and Amanda
Jan. 23.	Leonie Dano,	Dolphes and Rose
Feb. 1.	Mary Ellen Ballard,	Joseph and Mary
Feb. 11.	Donald Edwin Cary,	Herbert and Elizabeth
Feb. 12.	Minnie Folsom,	Charles and Mary
Feb. 12.	Burton Elmer Herzig,	Albert and Mary
Feb. 19.	Alden Fairbanks Davenport,	Albert and Jennie
Mar. 11.	Elenor Dorathy Cromack,	Sydney and Anna
Mar. 24.	George William Pitt,	John and Mabel
Mar. 29.	Emma Schesterle,	Godfred and Catherine
Apr. 15.	Elora Laura Shackett,	Joseph and Delcie
May 18.	Flossie Luraney Cromack,	Frank and Mabel
May 10.	Dorothy Clemons,	Hardie and Sadie
May 15.	Charles Henry Caron,	Henry and Florence
May 19.	Harry Edward LaRock,	Frank and Malvina
May 30.	———female,	John and Annie Peters
May 30.	———male,	John and Annie Peters

June 8.	Nora Cary,	Amos and Annie
June 21.	Margaret Marion Mather,	John and Gertrude
June 27.	Warren Belmont Bailey,	Lester and Emma
July 6.	Etta Leonie Herzig,	Joseph and Ida
July 8.	Loyd Frank Brown,	Frank and Elsie
July 12.	Howard Akely Fairbanks,	Charles and Edith
July 20.	Lena Hannah Joy,	Irving and Marion
July 27.	Gertrude York,	John and Sarah
Aug. 7.	Marie Frances Rainor,	Erasmer and Mary
Aug. 9.	Wallace Edwin Temple,	Roscoe and Antis
Aug. 15.	Cleophus Lively,	Joseph and Elza
Aug. 16.	Edna Marie Thompson,	John and Agnes
Aug. 23.	Celia Perrault,	Theodore and Mary
Aug. 23.	Delia Perrault,	Theodore and Mary
Sept. 18.	Charles Lewis Roberts,	Charles and Cora
Sept. 25.	Keneth Hiram Benton,	Elmer and Emma
Oct. 10.	Myra LaValley,	Joseph and Angeline
Oct. 13.	Persis May Smead,	Frank and Sarah
Oct. 15.	Clarence Lorenzo O'Brien,	Thomas and Emma
Oct. 15.	Clara Margaret O'Brien,	Thomas and Emma
Nov. 6.	Leone Hazel Bolton,	Edward and Nellie
Dec. 30.	George Henry Abercrombie,	Edward and Susie
Dec. 30.	Ralph Waldo Abercrombie,	Edward and Susie

Marriages recorded in the town of Colrain for the year 1905.

Date	Name	Residence at Time of Marriage	By Whom Married
Jan. 7.	Eddie Gadreault, Octavia Bolduc,	Colrain, Colrain,	Rev. L. O. Geoffard
Jan. 18.	Frank M. Avery, Myra S. Clark,	Colrain, Colrain,	Rev. Sampson Nichols
Jan. 25.	Edward S. Bolton, Nellie Vincent,	Colrain, Colrain,	Rev. J. D. Graham
Feb. 9.	William O'Barnes, Bertha I. Boyd,	Colrain, Colrain,	Rev. Sampson Nichols

Feb. 28.	William Beaudry, Whitingham, Vt.	Rev. J. D.
	Rose LaPlant, Colrain,	Graham
Mar. 8.	Nelson O. Maynard, Leverett,	Rev. C. W. Collie
	Mary D. Clark, Colrain,	
Apr. 6.	William E. Call, Colrain,	Rev. Eugene J. Deane
	Eva Lusty, Colrain,	
Apr. 22.	Everett M. Johnson, Colrain,	Rev. Sampson Nichols
	Bertha M. Gleason, Colrain,	
May 8.	Anutasse Cusson, Colrain,	Rev. B. H. Millette
	Rosilla Cayer, Nashua, N. H.	
May 10.	Walter H. Elwell, Colrain,	Rev. Sampson Nichols
	Ethel L. Pickett, Guilford, Vt.	
May 22.	Irving F. Richardson, Erving,	Rev. Sampson Nichols
	Mina A. Fairbanks,	
June 6.	William S. Looman, Colrain,	Rev. L. O. Geoffard
	Emma M. Tatro, Charlemont,	
June 12.	John Lacross, Colrain,	Rev. L. O. Geoffard
	Myra Noel, Springfield,	
June 28.	Wilbur W. Cressy, Colrain,	Rev. Eugene M. Frary
	Rhoda McClallen, Colrain,	
June 28.	Archie B. Stetson, Colrain,	Rev. J. D. Graham
	Nellie Stacy, Colrain,	
Aug. 6.	Samuel E. Clement, Colrain,	Rev. W. H. Davenport
	Emma Farnum, Colrain,	
Sept. 11.	Eugene LaClair, Colrain,	Rev. L. O. Geoffard
	Hattie Billie, Colrain,	
Oct. 7.	Franklin R. Phelps, Ashfield,	Rev. Sampson Nichols
	Flora A. Pettibone, Ashfield,	
Oct. 17.	James Revoir, Colrain,	Rev. L. O. Geoffard
	Laura Tatro, Charlemont,	
Oct. 29.	Ernest J. Schneck, Colrain,	Rev. J. D. Graham
	Blanch F. Bennett, Colrain,	
Nov. 29.	Robert Chamberlain, Pittsfield,	Rev. E. E.
	Grace Cole, Colrain,	Abercrombie

Deaths recorded in the Town of Colrain for the year 1905 :

	Date	Name	Age			Place of Interment
			Years	Months	Days	
Jan.	16.	Peobie V. Roberts,	89	2	12	Colrain
Feb.	7.	Sophronia M. Harris,	86	2	2	Heath
Feb.	10.	William E. Southworth,	76	3	11	Colrain
Feb.	21.	Caroline D. Avery,	76	3	11	Colrain
Feb.	21.	Jeremiah F. Joyce,	84	6		Guilford, Vt.
Feb.	22.	Alden F. Davenport,			2	Colrain
Feb.	24.	Allen L. Burrington,	76	6	8	Colrain
Mar.	2.	Caroline L. Chapin,	89	10	1	Bernardston
Mar.	6.	Daniel Workman,	91	9	7	North Adams
Mar.	8.	Elizabeth A. Davenport.	32	7	18	Colrain
Mar.	31.	Caroline Elizabeth Sparks	80	3		Brattleboro, Vt.
Apr.	5.	Olive Burrington,	74	11	24	Colrain
Apr.	18.	Eunice Thompson,	57	1	4	Colrain
May	9.	Amelia Billie,	51			Colrain
May	16.	Reuben D. Houghton	83	8	15	Colrain
May	23.	Malvina LaRock,	30	2	1	Colrain
June	30.	Henry E. Ariel, Jr.	26	6	2	Colrain
June	12.	Howard Akely Fairbanks,				Colrain
July	14.	Walter C. Brown,	26			Colrain
Aug.	9.	Sarah A. Wilson,	85	1		Colrain
Aug.	29.	Mina L. Cary,	63	2	6	Colrain
Sept.	11.	Oscar E. Call,	56	7	30	Colrain
Oct.	12.	Emily Purrington,	91	6	7	Colrain
Oct.	24.	Martha Jane Harris,	69	5	6	Colrain
Nov.	28.	William E. Burrington,	38			Colrain
Dec.	28.	Laura A. Moore,	71	2	25	Colrain

Any person finding an error or omission, will confer a favor by making it known to the Town Clerk, that it may be corrected on the town records.

Respectfully,

R. C. HILLMAN, TOWN CLERK.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Another year has passed and we are again before you with our annual report.

The year has been a fairly prosperous one for the town. We have paid all legal bills presented to us, have been able to keep within your appropriations, and to pay twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500) on the town's indebtedness, and have, at the present time, a good balance left in the treasury.

The State Highway Commissioners gave us an allotment for State Road, which has been constructed; beginning just above Griswoldville and running north for a third of a mile. The town has now between two and three miles of State Road, which we all greatly appreciate.

We have done considerable along the line of putting up railings and trimming the trees by the roadside, but there is still more work along this line that needs to be done. Let us co-operate then, and see that our shade trees are marked by the tree warden; so that the lumbermen, in clearing off forests, do not injure the beauty of our roads.

Our roads and bridges are in very good condition. The bridge at the Foundry village will have to be newly shingled this year.

As Overseers of Poor, we have carefully investigated each case, and kindly tendered relief where it was needed.

Highways and Bridges.

J. E. Davenport's Est.,	\$2 10	E. H. Underwood,	\$2 25
F. W. Damon,	3 75	James Looman,	6 30
W. A. Smith,	14 10	F. B. Stone,	15 79
H. J. Smith,	105 00	Noah Shambo,	3 65
W. D. Smith,	16 70	R. Lusher,	3 00

J. W. Tinkham,	\$67 80	Jacob Thompson,	\$7 50
A. B. Stetson,	24 00	J. E. Bowen,	1 50
A. L. Fish,	19 95	H. L. Pickett,	1 10
G. W. Cary,	1 20	J. W. Tinkham,	5 40
J. W. Tinkham,	31 50	John Miner,	1 50
H. J. Smith,	78 25	H. R. Donelson,	2 75
W. D. Smith,	31 50	E. M. Dwight,	117 25
I. N. Joy,	1 50	George Pierce,	13 00
N. G. Dix,	55 25	Charles Hillman,	5 85
J. W. Tinkham,	9 00	E. S. & R. S. Bolton,	11 30
William Martin,	11 75	G. A. Thompson,	1 05
E. Auger,	23 00	C. F. White,	2 00
Rudolph Herzig,	2 55	Elias Bardwell,	4 60
Albert Herzig,	3 15	Orson Call,	4 86
R. Lusher,	3 00	J. A. Dwight,	0 60
C. T. Gunn,	2 70	Miner & White,	15 00
Amos Stewart,	7 20	A. C. Smith,	7 00
C. D. Miner,	4 45	H. P. Crosier,	4 95
Lively & Galipault,	9 60	Mary A. Nelson,	3 85
Gordon Purrington,	7 00	W. H. Bardwell,	5 50
Charles Fairbanks,	9 75	E. F. Copeland,	6 50
J. Demereaux,	3 00	H. C. Cromack,	7 95
F. D. Thompson,	1 50	M. M. Thompson,	9 90
Joseph Lively,	3 00	Harry Bell,	4 35
F. Galipault,	1 50	Lester Fairbanks,	3 00
E. B. Stuart,	6 10	E. Auger,	0 60
Horace Kemp,	3 00	G. P. Morton,	7 50
Tom Richards,	1 50	E. M. Johnson,	11 94
R. C. Porter,	4 50	J. M. Shearer,	18 86
Tom Richards,	0 75	L. W. Fairbanks,	4 60
Joe Jarecks,	2 55	J. B. Cromack,	3 85
E. R. Cobb,	14 73	C. E. Davenport,	5 40
Joseph Lively, Jr.	23 00	G. D. Stetson & Son,	3 67
Walter Barnes,	3 50	G. D. Lynde,	3 08

C. T. Avery,	\$ 8 62	C. A. Smith,	\$2 40
James H. Carr,	2 35	H. J. Smith,	138 80
Matt Collis,	10 00	W. D. Smith,	160 40
F. W. Purrington,	3 84	C. L. Donelson,	0 75
W. R. Bridges,	33 91	H. S. Browning,	9 90
R. M. Coombs,	0 60	J. B. Clark & Son,	12 30
C. B. Dennison & Son,	8 25	Robert Miller,	10 80
E. L. Davenport,	1 50	W. H. Kemp,	8 10
F. E. Cromack,	2 00	C. W. Smith,	20 00
H. W. Thompson,	38 20		
			Total, \$1,428 10

BREAKING ROADS.

G. H. Nelson,	\$8 70	F. E. Cromack,	\$3 45
H. S. Browning,	5 10	J. A. Dwight,	5 25
E. H. Underwood,	28 53	Steward & Root,	4 27
C. A. Smith,	8 00	Lively & Galipault,	1 50
Albert Herzig,	32 75	E. W. Clark,	2 50
Rudolph Herzig,	4 19	Horace Kemp,	3 07
Harry Gilderdale,	1 05	Joe Jureck,	4 35
A. N. Carpenter,	5 25	E. R. Cobb,	1 80
H. R. Donelson,	2 10	A. L. Fish,	1 35
A. W. Hillman,	9 07	A. L. Fish,	5 00
J. P. Sherman,	6 00	W. R. Bridges,	5 25
William Martin,	3 76	F. M. McCloud,	2 25
C. S. Coombs,	6 40	O. M. Brown,	5 00
C. T. Gunn,	13 75	C. B. Dennison & Son,	2 50
Amos Stewart,	5 70	M. S. Harris,	18 55
E. H. Underwood,	4 20	Elias Bardwell,	6 30
B. L. Call,	7 78	E. F. Copeland,	7 00
H. L. Pickett,	2 00	G. D. Stetson & Son,	10 20
G. A. Thompson,	3 95	G. D. Lynde,	4 95
S. N. Day,	1 95		
			\$255 82

Incidentals.

J. F. Temple,	\$56 54	Colrain fire district,	
Colrain Electric Light		water rent,	\$10 00
Co,	5 00	H. B. Miller,	8 80
R. M. Coombs, perambu-		J. W. Cram, M. D.,	
lating town lines,	1 50	return of births,	5 75
W. S. Allard,	5 65	F. J. Canedy, M. D.,	
J. L. Smith, repairs for		return of births,	2 75
road scraper,	4 00	Wright & Potter,	1 50
H. J. Smith,	5 26	Wm. M. Smead, court fees	3 11
C. F. Haskins, court fees	8 70	Asher H. Brooks,	5 20
Smith & Hillman,	12 86	R. C. Hillman,	23 00
R. C. Hillman, record-		State Treasurer, one-	
ing births,	31 40	fourth liquor license,	62 50
W. A. Davenport,		W. H. Kemp, perambu-	
counsel,	7 00	lating town lines	4 00
W. H. Kemp,	10 98	C. W. Smith, perambu-	
C. W. Smith,	3 50	lating town lines	4 00
J. A. Mather, M. D.,		J. A. Mather, M. D.,	1 35
return of births,	1 00	Wm. A. Johnson,	
F. L. Kendrick, court		1901 to Feb. 21, 1905,	
fees,	6 97	61 death returns,	15 25

Total, \$307 57

OLD BILLS.

E. H. Underwood,	\$3 30	L. O. Davenport,	\$ 4 80
J. B. Clark,	2 74	H. R. Donelson,	7 80
T. R. Shearer,	6 52		
			\$25 16

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid J. B. Clark, hearse man,	\$18 00
C. A. Smith, ballot clerk,	2 00
A. A. Smith, school committee,	11 25
H. A. Howard, inspector,	11 75
H. A. Howard, moderator,	2 50
H. F. Purrington, inspector,	4 65
H. S. Meacham, inspector,	55 00
J. A. Mather, ballot clerk,	2 00
A. A. Smith, school committee,	33 75
J. A. Dwight, assessor,	36 25
H. B. Miller, assessor,	42 50
H. B. Miller, ballot clerk,	2 00
H. S. Meacham, inspector,	50 00
G. W. Kelley, ballot clerk,	4 25
R. M. Coombs, assessor,	37 50
A. L. Dennison, ballot clerk,	4 00
M. M. Johnson, sexton,	6 00
A. R. Donelson, registrar,	10 00
Elias Bardwell, registrar,	9 00
J. C. Thompson, constable,	7 50
C. A. Smith, ballot clerk,	4 00
F. L. Kendrick, constable,	9 00
Jonathan E. Davenport, school committee,	32 50
Jonathan E. Davenport, clerk of school board,	10 00
Jonathan E. Davenport, sexton,	28 00
J. B. Clark & Son, hearse men,	30 50
H. O. Scott, auditor,	12 00
Robert Miller, sexton,	18 00
E. W. Coombs, school committee,	10 00
A. A. Smith, school committee,	14 15

Paid R. C. Hillman, clerk and treasurer,	\$ 75 00
R. C. Hillman, registrar,	10 00
H. W. Thompson, selectman and overseer of the poor,	75 00
W. H. Kemp, selectman and over- seer of the poor,	75 00
C. W. Smith, selectman and over- seer of the poor,	70 00
J. A. Mather, M. D., clerk board of health,	10 00

\$833 05

Town Debt and Interest.

Paid Greenfield Savings Bank on town debt,	\$1,500 00
Greenfield Savings Bank, interest,	108 50
Shelburne Falls National Bank, interest,	22 50
E. H. Gay & Co., interest,	20 00
On town debt,	1,000 00
Shelburne Falls Savings Bank, interest,	15 80
State Treasurer, interest,	140 00

\$2,806 80

Paid Shelburne Falls National Bank, temporary loan,	\$1,000 00
Repairs on hearses,	72 20
County tax,	1,498 56
State tax,	880 00
Memorial Day,	50 00
State highway tax,	91 50

Paid State aid,	\$460 00
Colrain Fire District,	481 95
J. M. Purrington, highway damage,	1 50

Resources of Town.

Due from State on account of aid,	\$460 00
Due from Bay State Construction Co., use of motor,	45 00
Due from State on account of inspection of animals,	31 00
Due from town of West Boylston on account of Mrs. Patnode,	80 83

\$616 83

Recapitulation.

Amount Appropriated.		Amount Expended.
\$2,000 00	Highways and bridges,	\$1,425 10
1,200 00	Support of Poor,	1,031 49
100 00	State highway tax,	91 50
1,000 00	Town officers,	833 05
1,500 00	County tax,	1,498 56
600 00	State tax,	880 00
350 00	Interest,	306 80
2,500 00	Town debt,	2,500 00
150 00	Old bills,	25 16
400 00	Incidentals,	307 57
50 00	Memorial Day,	50 00
	Highway damage,	1 50
	Snow work,	253 82
	Temporary loan,	1,000 00
	Repairs on hearses,	72 20
	State aid,	460 00
	Colrain Fire District tax,	481 95
	Soldier's relief,	105 75

Total, \$11,324 45

We would recommend the following appropriations for the year 1906:

Highways and bridges,	\$1,800 00
Support of poor,	1,200 00
State highway tax,	110 00
Town officers,	1,000 00
County tax,	1,500 00
State tax,	900 00
Town debt,	1,000 00
Interest,	250 00
Old bills,	500 00
Memorial Day,	50 00
Incidentals,	350 00
Soldier's relief,	100 00

Inventory of Tools.

One crusher, elevator, two screens, electric motor,
 20 shovels,
 4 steel bars,
 9 wheel-barrows,
 6 hoes,
 8 picks,
 1 road machine,
 Seals for weights and measures,,
 2 safes,
 1 derrick,
 1 plow,
 2 scrapers,
 1 book-case.

Support of Poor.

Oscar Call:—

Paid Mrs. Charlotte Call,	\$167 85
Dr. J. W. Cram,	6 00

 \$173 85

Wm. Murkel's child:—

Paid Laura Maynard,	\$30 00
Dr. J. W. Cram,	17 60

 \$47 60

Mrs. Henry Miller and family:—

Paid Will W. Smith,	\$7 08
Geo. Mathys,	6 25
Dennison & Smith,	112 00
R. E. Purrington,	50 18

 \$175 51

Robert Zimmerman:—

Paid City of Fall River,	\$23 30
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 \$23 30

Mrs. Henry Cary:—

Paid Mrs. F. H. Thompson, Gardner,	\$77 50
F. E. Whitney, Leyden,	40 00

 \$117 50

William Southworth:—

Paid Geo. W. Warner,	\$9 00
Wm. A. Johnson,	30 00
Dr. J. W. Cram,	1 60

 \$40 60

Frank Southworth:—

Paid Geo. W. Warner,	\$208 00
Dr. J. W. Cram,	1 75

\$209 75

Mrs. Joseph Belliel:—

Paid Dennison & Smith,	\$17 33
Mrs. Gadreault,	7 15

\$24 48

Mrs. Jacob Thompson:—

Paid Lena Guyatt,	\$10 00
Dr. J. W. Cram,	8 00

\$18 00

A. Gadreault:—

Paid Dr. J. A. Mather,	\$14 75
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\$14 75

Mrs. Geo. W. Streeter:—

Paid Town of Greenfield,	\$25 09
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\$25 09

Mrs. Emma Patnode, belongs to West Boylston:—

Paid Smith & Hillman,	\$46 83
Dr. J. W. Cram,	18 00
Mrs. Eva Gadreault,	16 00

\$80 83

Mrs. H. M. Underwood:—

Paid E. R. Cobb,	\$4 13
Dr. J. W. Cram,	12 00

\$16 13

Nathaniel Harris:—		
Paid Geo. W. Warner,	\$31 50	
Dr. J. W. Cram,	3 60	
		\$35 10
Mrs. Daniel Cary:—		
Paid Dr. J. W. Cram,	\$15 80	
		\$15 80
Mrs. Jovid Balyle:—		
Paid Dr. J. W. Cram,	\$13 20	
		\$13 20
Total,		\$1,031 49
Paid Town of Conway, soldier's relief,	\$105 75	
Total,		\$105 75

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. THOMPSON,	} Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor.
W. H. KEMP,	
C. W. SMITH,	

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

COLRAIN, MASS., FEB. 10, 1906.

I have this day finished my examination of the books of the Selectmen of Colrain, from Feb. 18, 1905, to this date. Compared orders given with vouchers and find them correct.

H. O. SCOTT, Auditor.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT.

COMPLETE LIST OF TAXABLE PROPERTY MAY 1, 1905.

Personal. Real		Personal. Real.	
Ashton, A. J.	\$36 \$1200	Aunig, Jos.	\$550
Ariel, Mrs. Lizzie	600	Apt, Wm.	\$680
Apt, Mrs. H. M.	2050	Allard, Wm. S.	300 2080
Avery, F. M.	450 1800	Avery, C. T.	710 3100
Auger, E.	45 500		
Bardwell, Elias	220 1500	Browning, H. S.	735 2475
Brown, D. H.	30 570	Booth, E. P.	100 900
Booth, Mrs. Nora	600	Booth, Nancy J.	1050
Bolton, E. S.		Brigham, C. L.	410 2300
and R. S.	665	Bridges, W. R.	525 1550
Brown, O. M.	990 3100	Bennett, Jos.	90 755
Burrington, E. J.	755	Barnes, W. E.	465 1100
Bardwell, W. H.	435 1925	Bernard, Fred	300
Brown, F. L.	530 1490	Brown, F. A.	1220 550
Bowen, J. E.		Babbitt, M. J. and	
& Son	335 950	M. J. Harris	110
Bushey, Henry	540	Bell, Ida M.	75
Bell, Harry	500	Burrington, J. W.	800
Burdett, Fred	25	Baldie, L. & Son	420 700
Burrington, W. E.	15	Brigham, F. L.	570 1375
Ballard, Jos.	185	Buck, A. S.	250
Baptist Society	1000	Bill, Mrs. J. P.	525
Copeland, E. F.	1365 3250	Chevalier, Louis	275 1100
Carpenter, W. S.	25 950	Carr, J. H.	175 335
Cobb, E. R.	290 20	Cobb, Mrs. Sarah	400
Crosier, Wayne	15	Cary, John O.	25
Cary, Daniel	20 300	Cromack, C. H.	160 875
Cromack, F. E.	190 1130	Church, H. D.	100
Cromack, J. B.		Coburn, Moses	330 1150
& Son,	965 3250	Cutting, E. T.	400 1975

Personal. Real.			Personal. Real.		
Coombs, R. M.	\$857	\$3800	Coombs, E. W.		
Corless, Matt	285	525	& Son	\$75	\$1675
Churchill, Burt	150	165	Churchill, Fred	300	60
Carpenter, C. N.	140	1950	Cary, G. W.	1445	1950
Clark, J. L.	235	800	Clark, E. W. &		
Call, Orsau	215	875	Olive Fisher	480	900
Call, Mrs. H. M.	355	750	Call, Mrs. Oscar E.		350
Call, B. L.	260	1750	Curtis, Mrs. O. B.		1500
Clark, J. B.			Crosier, M. B.	315	960
& Son	715	1700	Coburn, Ben		100
Coburn, Noah		200	Carpenter, J. W.	350	1700
Carpenter, A. N	35		Cromack, H. C.	470	1700
Cole, J. W.		1000	Call, C. H.	20	
Clark, Mrs. F. E.		550	Cram, J. W.	350	2500
Coombs, C. S.	1000	4585	Cary, W. W.		
Cary, W. W.	150	2925	& Son,	1785	3050
Curtis, J. H.		450	Congregational		
Carpenter, Mrs. J.			Society,		1000
M.		800	Dwight, E. M.	685	3000
Davenport, E. L.	470	1480	Darling, W. W.	320	2400
Dobias, John,	305	800	Davenport, L. O.	120	265
Dolphias, Deno	40		Day, S. N.	180	700
Dennison, C. B. & Son	520	1500	Davenport, A. O.	120	1075
Davenport, J. E.	790	3100	Donelson, H. R.,	850	2400
Donelson, Mrs. A.		750	Donelson, C. L.	890	3500
Davenport, C. E.	395	2600	Davenport, W. H.	120	800
Dennson & Smith,	4200		Damon & McClel-		
Dexter Hoyt,		1375	lan,	725	
Dunnells, Geo.	295	1300	Dunnells, F. A.	560	1550
Davenport, S. G.		425	Dewey, H. W.		675
Dennison, A. E		75	Dennison, H. H.		800
Dwight, J. A. &			Davenport, Roxy		
Son	575	1850	estate		800

Personal. Real.			Personal. Real.		
Fairbanks, C. M.	\$550	\$1255	Fairbanks, Oscar	\$50	\$ 140
Frappiere, John	190		Faulkner, D. S.	125	600
Field, F. S.	225		Finck, Fred	135	
Finck, H. C.	530	1305	Fairbanks, L. W.	90	950
Fairbanks, L. A.	115		Fairbanks, F. E.	204	500
Fish, A. & Mrs. M.			Gunn, C. T.	595	2200
Nichols,	525	900	Galvin, J. A.	719	3325
Goodnow, Winfred	570		Gallipault, F.	240	850
Gazaille, Jos.	30		Graham, J. D.	120	
Gorette, Jos.	60		Griswold, Lo-		
Green, G. P.		200	renzo	6810	
Gilderdale, H.	57		Gabriel, J. W. Sr.	20	
Gildchrest, J. D.	90		Griswold, Jos.,		
Griswold M't'g			heirs,	300	
Co.,	59775	52400	Hayden, H. H.	15	
Howard, H. A.	185	750	Howard, H. A.		
Howard, J. H.	385	1800	& Snow heirs		150
Herzig, Benj.		425	Herzig, Phillip	80	500
Hillman, C. W.			Hager, L. S.	160	400
& Son	260	760	Hillman, Wayne		
Howard, H. M.		700	estate		177
Herzig, Rudolph	342	1400	Herzig, Albert	217	500
Hinsdale, A. W.	260	1400	Horan, Anthony	200	
Harris, L. D.	90	700	Hathaway, G. E.		600
Harris, M. S.	815	2500	Herzig, Frank	25	
Johnson, S. B.	450	1500	Jurik, Jos.	275	870
Johnson, E. M.	375	2180	Joy, I. N.	135	800
Jeffords, F. W.	65		Joy, Ernest		900
Jeffords heirs & Mrs.			Kemp, H. &		
Sarah		455	Son	1130	3180
Kemp, W. H.	1112	3500	Kelly, Walter		450
Kemp, O. D.	445	1100	Kendrick, F. L.	530	2105
Kendrick, O. B. est.		840	Kemp, S. D.	55	

Personal. Real.			Personal. Real.		
Kendrick, E. estate,	\$880		Lusher, R.	\$305	\$1760
Larrabee, H. P.	300	1000	Lynde, Mrs. F. E.	180	675
Leavitt, A. M.	1165		Lively, Jos. Sr.	410	900
Lively & Galipo,	425	900	Lusty, C. F.	270	1100
Lusty, David	40	725	Lavalley, Joe.	45	150
Looman, P. B.	400	1510	Looman, Thomas		150
Lively, Jos. Jr.	615	1900	Lamorie, Nelson		575
LeClair, Mrs. W.	95	1000	Looman, J. R.	225	900
Morton, G. P.	473	1400	Miner, J. N.	260	800
Miner & White,	890	1450	McGee, C. W.	300	850
Martin, R. E.	295	1370	Martin, Wm.	420	1200
Miner, C. D.	243	1400	Moore, C. J.	225	875
Miller & Hale,	340	1600	Moore, Mrs. Laura		575
Moran, Jerome	100		McCloud, F. A.	550	1200
Meacham, H. S.	260		McClellan, J. F.	760	2725
Marcy, C. A.	1175	4190	Merkel, Wm.		75
Mather, J. A.	145		Miller, H. B.	695	2075
Miller, R. T.	355	2010	Maxam, C. W.	350	1115
Merrifield, F. L.	1377	2685	Miner, J. C.	80	400
Mathys, Geo.	25		McGee, E. S.		750
M. E. Society,		1000	Morris, Alfred,		225
Marcy, Donelson,			Massaemet Yarn		
Marcy & Carter,	4395	4250	Mills,	11,800	15,190
Nelson, Mrs. Mary	380	1550	Nichols, O. F.	100	300
Noyse, C. D.,	1590	3450	Nelson, G. H.	520	1125
Nelson, A. O.	495	1350	Nichols, M. O.	610	1200
O'Brien, T.	370	2200	Purrington, H. F.	80	920
Pitt, G. W.	125		Peters, Herbert	25	700
Pierce, D. M.	290	1300	Purrington, G. R.	875	2600
Peterson, Myron,	562	1700	Pierce, G. L.	565	2200
Porter, R. C.	185	625	Parker, E. J.	107	950
Purrington, F. W.	300	2300	Purrington &		
Purrington, F. L.	50		Reed,	800	2100

Personal. Real.

Personal. Real.

Pelchie, E.	\$215	
Peterson, H. M.	40	1200
Purrington, J. M.	45	
Patterson, Miss Mary		100
Reed, Mrs. G. A.		1200
Ribdeau, G.	35	
Roberts, C. L.	540	2500
Rollens, E. M.	125	
Reid, Fred	525	900
Smead, F. W.	380	
Stewart A. & Son,	450	1600
Smead, Thos.	337	2450
Shuman, J. P.	170	525
Smith, E. B.	170	1625
Smith & Hillman,	2750	1675
Stowe, Samuel	215	1400
Smith, A. A.	15	
Starkey, F. A.	330	1750
Sturtevant, J. P.	125	975
Stone, M.	20	340
Smith, C. W.	915	4050
Smith, H. J.	410	1350
Stetson, G. & Sons	742	2650
Suxpuse, Edd	20	
Smith, W. W.	108	
Spurr, Mrs. A.		1295
Shippee, Miles		250
Thompson, F. D.	280	1200
Thompson, G. A.	250	1200
Thompson, H. W.	800	2150
Thomas L. J. & Miss Julia	600	685
Tinkham, J. W.	60	1000

Purrington, N. H.	725	\$1700
Purrington, R. E.	890	2100
Patterson, G. R.	74	
Revoir, P.	60	
Russell, C. J.	880	4500
Russell, Miss Nettie		800
Richards, T.	115	550
Russell, Mrs. Mary		1000
Sissler, Wm.	315	1150
Stewart & Root,	755	2350
Stone, Eli	120	800
Stuart, E. B.	435	3390
Stacy R. & Son,	570	1400
Smith, A. C.		1050
Smith, C. A.	515	2125
Shumway, P. L.	100	750
Shearer, J. M.	2140	1200
Smith, A. F.	100	
Stuart, L. B.	80	1300
Smith, E. C. & Son		135
Shambo, Noah	80	1000
Scott, H. O. & Son	2425	3400
Smith, C. W.	1120	4125
Shaw, Kate		500
Shelburne Falls & Colrain St. Ry. Co.		800
Thompson, J. W.	110	450
Temple, A. H. & Son		115
Thompson, M. A.	560	2200

	Personal.	Real.		Personal.	Real.
Temple, S. E.	\$ 975	\$3500	Truesdell, Miss		
Thompson, L. H.	755	1550	K. A.	\$50	
Taylor, O. H.	180	725	Thompson, F. M.	370	\$1800
Underwood, E. H.	250	600	Vincent, O. E.		50
Williams, F. D.	70	1500	Wheeler, S. W.	745	3950
Warner, G. W.	855	2650	Woffenden, F. W.	175	
White, C. F. & Son,	1112	2000	White, L. estate		475
York, J. O.	70		York, L.		400
York, H. J.		500	Jrauing, Jas.		450

Non-Residents.

	Personal.	Real.		Personal.	Real.
Allen, Sylvanus		\$1075	Barber, M.		\$1200
Buttingham, F.	75		Ballou, F.		75
Billings, Mrs. A.		500	Conant, Mrs. S.		950
Craft, C. H.		75	Clochie, J. A.		325
Clapp, J. W.		800	Dennison, A. J.		175
Davenport, F.	75		Everett, Mrs. S.P.	1000	
Graves, A. T.		400	Gillett, R. W.		300
Hobart, E. D.		500	Hanforth, H. estate,		600
Johnson, L. heirs		700	Johnson, A. C.		260
Jeffords, C.		300	Kemp, W. S.	450	1600
Loomis, A. D.		560	Lowe, I. A.	1315	1800
Lynde Bros.,		135	Long, S. M. estate		500
Leach, W.		500	Marcy, C. D. W.		1050
O'Brien, D. G.		200	Purrington, M. S. & Son,	300	
Richmond A. estate,		350	Richmond, L.		350
Fuller, F. E.		100	Robinson, Mrs.		
Smith, A. B.	75		C. S.	60	800
Shearer, F. R.		1850	Fiske, G. H.	500	
Shearer, Mrs. H. S.		225	Steele, G. H.		70
Shaw, E.		125	Gerrett, Mrs. F.		500

Stratton, F.	\$270	Sessler, F.	\$500
Smith, C. W.	125	Tribe, T.	50
Tenny, H.	200	Upton, F. S.	650
VanVaulkenburg, J. C.	100	Worden, C. A.	140 375
Ware, E. B.	500	Yell, P.	150

List of Abatements 1905.

Call, Orsan,	\$1 00	Warren, G. W.	\$7 00
Jeffords, C.	1 00	Bowen, F. N.	2 00
Buck, A. S.	3 00	Moore, Mrs. Laura	10 00
Call, Mrs. Oscar E.	7 00	Burrington, J. W.	2 00
Ashton, A.	2 00	Boyle, V.	2 00
Capinos, A.	2 00	Delude, H.	2 00
Gazielle, J.	2 60	Godman, F.	2 00
Moran, J.	2 00	Vincent, O. E.	1 00
Wells, Jas.	2 00	Wheeler, F. S.	2 00
Ouiska, Tony,	2 00	Rice, F.	2 00
Barber, M.	4 00		

Total, \$60 60

Kendrick, Edgar estate	10 00	Babbitt, Martha I.	4 20
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Total, \$74 80

Table of Aggregates.

Number of polls assessed,	480
Residents assessed on property,	315
Non-residents assessed on property,	49
Horses assessed,	405
Cows assessed,	945
Sheep assessed,	1400
Swine assessed,	125
Neat cattle assessed,	723
Dwelling Houses assessed,	338
Value of personal estate,	\$188,439 00

Value of real estate,	\$431,057 00	
Total valuation,		619,496 00
Rate:	\$20 per \$1000	
Omitted assessment,	\$17 20	
Total tax,		\$13,349 92
Fire tax,		306 69
Total,		\$13,673 81
ROBERT M. COOMBS, CHAIRMAN.		
HUGH B. MILLER, CLERK.		
JOHN A. DWIGHT.		

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

The Board of Health respectfully submits the following report for the year 1905.

PRIVY VAULTS AND NUISANCES.

There were several complaints the past year and in all cases the parties complied with the request of the Board.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

There were no contagious diseases reported to the Board the past year.

RETURN OF DEATHS.

Total number of deaths from all causes,	26
Number of deaths of males	11
Number of deaths of females,	15

DEATHS OF PERSONS BY AGES.

	Total	Males	Females
Under 1 year.	2	2	0
From 1 to 20 years,	0	0	0
From 20 to 30 years,	2	2	0

	Total	Males	Females
From 30 to 40 years,	3	1	2
From 40 to 50 years,	0	0	0
From 50 to 60 years,	2	1	2
From 60 to 70 years,	2	0	2
From 70 to 80 years,	5	1	4
From 80 to 90 years,	7	3	4
From 90 to 100 years,	2	1	1

DEATHS BY MONTHS.

In January	1
In February	6
In March	4
In April	2
In May	3
In June	1
In July	2
In August	2
In September	1
In October	2
In November	1
In December	1

CAUSE OF DEATH.

From consumption	3
From pneumonia	4
From bronchitis	1
From tubercular meningitis, ...	1

From cancer	5
From ileo-colitis.....	1
From brain tumor.....	1
From disease of heart.....	1
From disease of the kidney.....	1
From senility.....	6
From premature birth.....	2

Total, 26

H. W. THOMPSON,	}	Board of Health Colrain.
W. H. KEMP,		
C. W. SMITH,		
J. A. MATHER, M. D., Sec.		

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF COLRAIN,

FOR THE YEAR

1905—1906.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1906-'07.

SPRING TERM.—Begins April 9; ends June 29.

FALL TERM.—Begins September 4; ends November 23.

In the following schools the term will begin August 20: Churchill, Christian Hill, Four Corners, Miller, Bardwell, South.

WINTER TERM.—Begins December 3; ends March 1.

VACATION.—Thanksgiving week, and December 22 to 31.

HOLIDAYS.—Patriot's Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, February 22.

School Committee.

ARTHUR A. SMITH, Chairman,

JONATHAN E. DAVENPORT, Secretary,

EDWIN W. COOMBS,

CHARLES P. HALL, Superintendent.

Truant Officer.

FRED L. KENDRICK.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FELLOW CITIZENS :

Your committee ask your careful and thoughtful attention to their annual report to you of doings of the past year ; also of the report of the Superintendent to them, as thereby you can come into a more perfect knowledge of the working of of the great educational system of the good old state of Massachusetts. A good education has been offered at so small a cost that it is within the reach of the poorest and humblest of her children. It is for this reason that the state sometimes enforces rules that may at first seem to be arbitrary, but upon careful analysis we find that it is only another case where the "welfare of each is bound up in the good of all".

It is the purpose of our commonwealth, that its citizens shall be an intelligent self-supporting people ; to that end all our educational machinery is working. In a state where the conditions of the inhabitants are so diversified, it is not strange that all methods are not alike, a success in every town or community, for example, the country boy or girl learn many things by intuition, which the city child must get from books, while on the other hand the boy and girl in the city or large town, come in contact with influences which if left entirely out of the country child's life, would tend towards a narrowness that would be detrimental to their future usefulness. The text books of the present day so full of that which is vivid with practical life, do much to adjust the difference of environment, but they cannot do all; nothing will develop character like contact with other people. The child who has always had a limited number of mates at home and school is lacking in that completeness and equipment for life that all so much crave. This is just the reason why transportation of scholars and consolidation of smaller schools has met with so much favor, not only in Massachusetts, but throughout the United States. The circumstances which are connected with every

case are different from all other cases, for this reason no iron clad, hold fast laws can be made for all. This leaves a large problem in the hands of the School Committee to be solved. We believe that your Committee have dealt, and that other Committees deal, with these cases without prejudice and with what usually proves to bring satisfactory results. We can appreciate the difficulty that comes up with most parents of having their children carried so far from home. We have yet to learn of any case where the children have been obliged to endure any hardship, on the other hand we can cite individual cases where the children were much more regular in their attendance at school when transported, than when attending a school near home where it is easy for the parent to keep them out for any trivial excuse.

Whenever the circumstances will warrant us to do so, school houses that have been closed for a time have been reopened and schools kept there.

We have employed Mr. C. L. Brigham as teacher of vocal music in our schools, which we believe has given general satisfaction to the patrons. Our schools as a whole are upon a higher plane than ever before, with the extra money which we have received from the state school fund, we have been able to procure and keep a better corps of teachers. We have done but little in the way of repairs; there is much that needs to be done during the coming year. One of the larger jobs is at Shattuckville where there needs to be an addition to make better accommodations for wood shed, cloak room and water closet. Some of the school room floors need to be new as the old ones are worn through in places and the knots in them are very prominent.

You will see from our financial account that there is quite a balance to our credit. This will be sufficient to pay all outstanding bills connected with the winter term of school. One of the conditions upon which we receive our apportionment of

the income of the Massachusetts School Fund is that we appropriate as much money ourselves as in the past year. We would therefore recommend that you appropriate \$7,500.00 for schools and \$300.00 for school Superintendent. All of which is respectfully submitted.

RESOURCES.

Town appropriation for schools,	\$7,500 00	
Town appropriation for School Superintendent,	300 00	
Received from Massachusetts school fund,	831 74	
Received tuition of State wards,	98 00	
Received rebate from State on Superintendent's salary,	200 00	
Received high school tuition from State,	942 00	
Received from dog fund,	84 80	
Received tuition from Shelburne,	130 00	
Received Quintus Allen Fund,	160 38	
Balance from 1905,	790 02	
Received from Foundry Village School,	12	
		\$8,037 06

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Teachers,	\$3933 00	
Transportation,	601 75	
Supplies,	377 83	
Repairs,	207 30	
Fuel,	187 68	
High school tuition,	1032 00	
Superintendent of school	300 00	
Truant Officer	12 00	
Cleaning and care of school rooms,	126 19	
		\$6,819 61
Balance in treasury, Feb. 1st 1906,	\$1,217 45	

TEACHERS SALARIES.

Paid Laurie F. Wetmore,	\$316 00
Alta J Carpenter,	144 00
Florence L. Thompson,	180 80
Elsie W. Cronan,	120 00
Martha S. Donelson,	120 00
Edith M. Smith,	288 00
Laura E. Braley,	263 50
Katherine E. Burke,	224 00
Daisy L. Call,	171 00
Nettie M. Canedy,	132 00
Bessie M. Kemp,	247 00
Lura E. Hite,	84 00
Mattie H. Wiley,	105 00
Florence W. Raguse,	132 00
Louise M. Sessler,	120 00
Nettie Brown,	38 00
Charlott M. Judd,	35 20
Mabel S. Sherman,	42 50
Myra L. Hillman,	291 50
Ruby A. Perkins,	88 00
Nellie E. Adams,	152 00
Mable S. Ware,	152 00
Alice M. Thompson,	231 00
Flora Harris,	71 50
Irene Nichols,	24 00
C. L. Brigham,	160 00

\$3933 00

TRANSPORTATION.

Paid Frank Galipault,	\$64 00
S. N. Day,	30 00
I. N. Joy,	48 00
Fred Fink,	36 00

Paid E. J. Deane,	\$25 00
E. Auger,	58 00
A. O. Davenport,	33 00
F. A. Starkey,	58 00
W. R. Bridges,	60 00
G. H. Nelson,	4 00
Louis Chevalier	49 00
F. M. Thompson,	21 00
Russell Clemons,	23 75
Olive Nichols,	92 00

\$601 75

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION.

Arms Academy	\$990 00
Greenfield High School	12 00
Montague High School	30 00

\$1,032 00

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Paid Wadsworth, Howland & Co.,	\$3 75
J. L. Hammett Co.,	38 09
Carter, Rice & Co.,	12 30
Ginn & Co.,	84 03
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	9 88
D. C. Heath & Co.,	17 98
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	27 39
Binney & Smith Co.,	6 00
H. Newell & Co.,	5 75
E. E. Babb & Co.,	54 66
Educational Publishing Co.,	5 63
B. H. Sanborn & Co.,	1 84
American Book Co.,	10 92
Maynard, Merrill & Co.,	9 00
Eagle Pencil Co.,	14 60

Paid George F. Phelps,	\$ 4 90
Town of Shelburne,	22 76
Town of Buckland,	24 01
C. P. Hall, freight, etc.,	19 34
C. L. Brigham,	5 00
	\$377 83

REPAIRS.

Paid M. W. Scott,	\$11 25
R. W. Temple,	9 00
J. M. Purinton,	11 13
James Carr,	75
W. S. Allard,	3 00
Griswoldville Mfg. Co.,	6 75
G. W. Cary,	11 75
F. W. Purrington,	2 20
J. E. Davenport,	6 20
E. W. Coombs,	7 25
H. O. Scott,	8 31
C. H. Cromack,	4 76
A. R. Dennison,	86 39
J. A. Richmond & Sons.	3 75
Smith & Hillman,	18 29
O. D. Case Co.,	16 52
	\$207 30

FUEL.

Paid M. N. Peterson,	\$12 50
Harry Bell,	25 96
W. H. Apt,	5 50
Joseph Jurek,	22 00
John Dobias,	14 50
Charles Moore,	13 50
C. M. Fairbanks,	13 13
W. E. Barnes,	7 68

Paid E. S. & R. S. Bolton,	\$4 50
J. M. Shearer,	18 68
F. W. Purrington,	57
W. R. Bridges,	12 35
J. E. Davenport,	27 84
F. L. Kendrick,	9 00
	\$187 00

CLEANING AND CARE OF SCHOOL ROOMS.

Paid Willie Looman,	\$3 74
Louis Martin,	3 50
Myra L. Hillman,	7 05
Ida Billiel,	3 70
Anna Auernig,	2 40
Francis Duprey,	1 80
Pearl Herzig,	1 20
Anna Paradee,	4 80
Florence L. Thompson,	1 20
Eva Rabedeau,	3 60
Maud Paradee,	3 10
Martha S. Donelson,	7 00
Herbert Peterson,	7 20
Mary Caouett,	1 20
Elbert Damon,	2 40
Mary Storms,	3 00
M. W. Scott,	1 50
Flora Bell,	8 50
Lura Bell,	3 75
Cora Williams,	2 00
J. U. Jurek,	2 00
E. W. Coombs,	1 50
Mrs. F. S. Fairbanks,	3 00
Malvina Patnode,	50
Laura E. Braley,	8 75

Paid Ira C. Miner,	\$ 1 40
Mabel K. Thompson,	2 50
Flora Harris,	2 10
Katherine E. Burke,	4 80
Mildred Starkey,	2 40
Alice M. Thompson,	1 95
Bessie M. Kemp,	2 60
J. W. Tinkham,	6 00
E. Auger,	1 25
Lawrence Green,	2 40
Ethel Bridges,	2 00
Mattie H. Wiley,	2 80
Gottfred Schechterle,	2 00
Raymond Herzig,	2 20
Charlotte M. Judd,	1 00
Raymond Starkey,	1 40
Mrs. John Coutie,	2 00

\$126 19

INCIDENTALS.

Paid Martha S. Donelson,	\$0 25
G. W. Cary,	10
J. F. Temple,	8 00
Katherine E. Burke,	64
Dennison & Smith,	10 70
C. P. Hall,	6 85
Myra L. Hillman,	50
James Carr,	1 25
H. S. Browning,	2 25
H. S. Swan Co.,	1 40
J. E. Davenport,	3 00
Smith & Hillman,	1 35
Carpenter & McDonald,	1 90

Paid H. O. Scott,	\$ 50	
F. A. Brown,	3 17	
		\$41 86

TRUANT OFFICER.

Paid F. L. Kendrick,	\$12 00	
		\$12 00

A. A. SMITH,	}	School
J. E. DAVENPORT,		Committee of
E. W. COOMBS,		Colrain.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

COLRAIN, MASS., FEB. 16, 1906.

I have this day compared the stubs of the orders given by the School Committee with the vouchers received and find them correct.

H. O. SCOTT, Auditor.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Committee of Colrain:

I hereby submit to you and the people of this town, my thirteenth report concerning its schools.

The city schools throughout our Northern States have always taken high rank; but it is only within a comparatively few years that the schools of our country towns and villages have begun to receive the attention they deserve. In this forward movement for their betterment, our State has been in

the forefront. Some of the things that have been done in this line of advance are: Increasing the length of school year to thirty-two weeks, requiring skilled supervision in all towns, increasing the amount given by the State to aid the poorer towns, and providing high school instruction for all pupils qualified to receive it.

Other states, especially in New England, are following close after our example. Ex-Governor Bachelder of New Hampshire said recently: "I believe the boy or girl out on the farm are entitled to equal school privileges with the boy and girl in the city. They may be required to travel farther to reach a school house, but when there they should be allowed to attend as many weeks of school in a year, and as good a school of the grade provided."

Much has been done also in our state, and in other states, to make the surroundings of country and village schools more attractive. The location of the house is more carefully chosen, out-buildings are not so conspicuous, and serve their purpose better, suitable playground is provided for the children, while shade trees and flower beds make the grounds more inviting. Well adapted seats and desks, good heating and ventilating arrangements, properly tinted walls and ceiling, abundance of blackboard surface and wall maps for illustration, with pictures of artistic merit upon the walls, make an attractive place for children to spend their hours of school time; many times, in delightful contrast with their home surroundings.

All this is well. The country child should have just as good opportunities for fitting himself for the work of life as his city cousin; for in a majority of cases, it is the one from the country who will be called to the prominent places in city, as well as country.

Since, then, these more liberal and attractive provisions for the education of our children are made by town and

state, it is certainly incumbent upon parents to see to it, that their children avail themselves of their benefits. This state says that they shall do so; but some parents need to be reminded of their duty by the truant officer. In this connection, I want to call your attention to the "Statistical Table." With 327 pupils enrolled, there were for the year closing last June, 4,538 days of absence, 1297 cases of tardiness, and 233 cases of dismissal. This makes an average of about fourteen days' absence for each pupil. As a larger part of this absence comes from a few pupils, these suffer a loss in time and spirit for work that many of them never regain.

In some cases, where there is little absence, the amount of tardiness is a great hindrance to the work of the school, and begets a habit in the pupil of being behind hand. Nine o'clock should mean that in the school life of a child, which is his business, just as much as in the life of the man of business. I quote from another report: "At times, it almost seems as if the influence of home, and the parental control of children, are on the wane, and the control of parents by children in the ascendant. Be this as it may, it is astonishing to note how little attention some parents seem to give to the progress and well being of their children, how little they seem to know of their whereabouts out of school hours, and whether their attendance is regular or not. It seems to me that parents should give this their careful and serious attention."

Our school libraries, of which I spoke in the last report, are proving very helpful in supplementing the regular school work, as well as in training the children to know how and where to look for things in books. They are in this way much better prepared to use the town libraries to advantage. The study of history, geography, and literature, is not now confined to the text-book of a single author; but the subject in hand in any study, broadens, as the pupil finds that other

authors treat it in a different way. The study of geography is given a new life, when the child is asked, not alone to locate cities and towns, lakes and rivers, but is given to read a story of the life and habits of the boy or girl who lives in the country he studies about. In this way, and by the help of pictures, he comes to understand what each country and people have to do in the life of the world.

Music.

The subject of music in the schools, has assumed so much importance, that the State Board of Education appointed a committee last February to examine the subject carefully and report upon it. They made their report last November. They found that vocal music is taught as a regular branch of instruction in 270 of the 354 towns and cities of the State. It is a required study in all the elementary schools, and in some of the high schools. This has been the first year that it has been taught in our schools, but I think that all persons who have watched the results have come to see and appreciate its value. It is an enjoyable feature of every day's exercises, and an attractive one on all special occasions. With the individual work, which the children have from the first, supplemented by the advanced drill, they are able to make music a helpful thing in the home, in society, in the church. Because of this preparatory work in the schools in this neighborhood, we are able to do quite difficult work when the children come into the Academy. This has been shown in several instances the past year, under Mr. Brigham's direction. Mr. Brigham's report follows this.

Teachers.

We have had about the usual number of changes in our teaching force this year,—always too many—but, because of

the low salaries and small schools, we cannot compete with other towns, and lose some of our best teachers every year. Elm Grove school has suffered the most, Miss Sherman, the present teacher, being the fourth one during the present year. Other changes have been as follows: At beginning of fall term Miss Nellie Adams of Duxbury, was elected to Griswoldville Grammar; Miss Mabel Ware of Buckland to Griswoldville Primary; Miss Daisy Call to Foundry Grammar; Miss Alice Thompson to Christian Hill; Miss Mattie Wiley of Buckland to Wilson Hill; Miss Florence Raguse of Shelburne Falls to the Four Corners. "Frequent changes of teachers are disastrous, both to the schools and to the teachers. To the schools, because of the loss of an influence potent for good; and to the teachers, because such an influence is not easily regained under the changed conditions which a new school, new pupils, and a new community necessarily bring. Good reputations are not easily or quickly made."

The teacher who bears the name worthily, puts herself in touch, as early as possible, with her pupils and their surroundings in the home and the community. She is not in condition to do the best things for her school until she knows what influences in the home and outside, are helpful, and what are a hindrance.

The child should soon realize that the teacher is his friend and in sympathy with him in all his experiences in school and out. This may be shown by a word, a look, a tone given at the right time, or by a gentle hand upon the shoulder. This does not mean that a child must be pleased at any cost. Every American boy has the rugged right to obey and respect authority. The lack of training along this line is too marked in our homes to-day. It may be called Puritanic, but it is a kind of Puritanism that is very necessary for right character building. Since this training is

neglected in the homes, the teachers and the schools must furnish it.

A teacher, whom I know, told a boy one day to do something in the school room. The boy asked "Why?" "Because I tell you, too," replied the teacher. The boy and other members of the school learned that the teacher had authority and they were to obey. Were this lesson carefully and lovingly taught in the home and in the school, the courts would not have to punish so often for neglect of obedience to law and authority. I quote the following from Hon. W. W. Stetson, State Superintendent of Maine, who spoke here at the Teachers' Convention last fall:

"The value of what a teacher does depends on what she is; her personality teaches more than her words. Unless she helps to develop in the children worthy motives and ennobling ideals, she is a failure. The desire to be useful is worth more than glib recitations; the thirst for knowledge is more to be coveted than high ranks; a love for the best in literature and art is more fruitful than class honors, and the wish to do the right, because it is right, is more blessed than fantastic diplomas. The work of the school is to give such instruction, furnish such stimulus, and form such habits as will help the child to be prompt to do justice and alert in responding to the best within him."

At the beginning of the fall term it was decided to open the Churchill and Miller schools; Miss Nettie Canedy of Shelburne Falls became teacher of the former school, and Miss Louise Sessler of the latter.

The number of pupils in the Wilson Hill school was so small that it was closed at the end of the fall term, and the children carried to the Adamsville school.

The following pupils from this town completed the work

in our grammar schools and entered Arms Academy in the fall:

Bertell Call,	Katie Finck,
Wilfred Carpenter,	Ruth King,
Arthur Coombs,	Stella LaPlant,
Milton Davenport,	Julia Purrington,
Leon Dennison,	Rosa Scheckterle.
Halbert Dwight,	
Henry Finck,	
George Harris,	
George Thompson,	
Wayne Tinkham,	

The repairs this year have been light. As was suggested last year, the chimney at the Shattuckville house has been moved to the other end of the room, and there has been no more trouble from the dripping of soot. The inside of this house was also painted. The Griswoldville Grammar and the Foundry Primary schools were partly supplied with real slate blackboards.

There is great need of an addition to the house at Shattuckville. The number of pupils is so large that nearly every seat is occupied. The lean-to on the north end is not large enough to accommodate the two rooms for clothing and the book-cupboard, and leave space to put the wood. The children frequently have to climb over the wood. If the lean-to were taken down and the main building extended, provision could be made for all these needs and the building be much more convient. Two or three of the houses need painting on the outside.

With thankful appreciation of the cordial support I have received from all, this report is

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES P. HALL,

Superintendent.

MUSIC TEACHER'S REPORT.

Mr. C. P. Hall, Superintendent of Schools.

In sending to you this, my first report of the musical work done in the schools of Colrain, I wish at the outset to express my gratification at the amount of natural musical talent found therein, and the interest manifested by both pupils and the teachers in charge. It also may not be amiss to state the results for which we are striving, viz: A thorough knowledge of the fundamental principles of music, to develop in the child a love for good music, and the ability to read and sing correctly songs at sight and render them understandingly. The character of the method used is such that each and every pupil receives individual attention, and faithful adherence to this plan cannot fail to produce a steady, sure, musical growth. The rapidity with which this is gained must of course depend upon the amount of natural talent possessed by the pupil, the amount of time devoted to study and practice, (which of course depends somewhat on the size of the school), and the tact and ability of the regular teacher to carry on the work mapped out. Some idea of what may be accomplished in a short time may be had from the performance of the children at the Memorial Day exercises last spring, when some 35 or 40 pupils were brought together from entirely different sections of the town and with but a few minutes rehearsing together, gave a remarkably smooth performance of the songs used, correct in both tune and time and with a thorough understanding of all the principles involved.

One of our teachers said to me a few days since, "I never realized until recently how much the work in music makes the children think," and it is a fact that the training is valuable not only for its own sake and future musical growth, but as a means of developing the mind in other

directions. To read music quickly and readily two mental operations are necessary—a correct conception of the relative pitch of sounds and relative length of sounds. The work in these lines is carefully graded and the results gained are really quite surprising to those not acquainted with the methods of to day.

I shall avail myself of this opportunity to publicly thank both teachers and Superintendent for their cheerful and hearty co-operation, without which nothing could be accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,
C. L. BRIGHAM,
Supervisor of Music.

TRUANT OFFICER'S REPORT.

Mr. C. P. Hall, Superintendent of Schools :

DEAR SIR.—I hereby submit the following report as Truant Officer, for 1905—6 :

Number of cases investigated,	17
Number kept out by parents,	15
Number out sick,	2

All returned to school but one.

Respectfully submitted,
F. L. KENDRICK,
Truant Officer.

STATISTICAL TABLE. *

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Terms.	Wages per Month.	Whole No. enrolled.		Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent of Attendance.	Days of Absence.	Cases of Tardiness.	(Cases of Dismissal.
				Boys.	Girls.						
Adamsville, Bardwell, Centre,	{ Sadie D. Miller, Myra L. Hillman, Katherine E. Burke,	1	\$28 00	9	5	17 5	16 3	93 0	226	19	4
	{ Laura E. Braley, Irene Nicholls, Asst.	2	32 00	11	4	13 0	11 8	91 2	199	156	5
	{ Bessie A. Hillman, Laura E. Hite,	3	28 00	11	23	31 0	28 1	90 6	508	143	48
	{ Alice B. Knowlton, Florence L. Thompson,	3	8 00	10	5	13 7	12 5	90 9	264	29	0
	{ Alta J. Carpenter, Edith M. Smith,	1	26 00	6	6	11 0	10 6	96 0	29	31	3
Christian Hill, Churchill, Elm Grove, Foundry Grammar Foundry Primary, Four Corners, Griswoldv'e Gram	{ Bessie M. Kemp, Flora D. Harris, Myra L. Hillman,	2	32 00	15	11	22 1	20 1	90 8	344	57	29
		3	36 00	16	12	27 0	24 8	92 1	314	91	28
		3	32 00	24	18	40 6	36 1	88 8	813	138	8
		2	26 00	5	6	14 3	12 9	90 8	208	72	1
		1	24 00	10	12	18 1	16 7	91 9	216	100	16
		1	32 00								

Griswoldville Prim	Martha S. Donelson,	2	32 00	17	11	27 4	25 4	92 8	344	209	22
Shattuckville,	{ Elsie W. Cronan,	3	30 00	26	20	42 5	39 6	93 2	536	103	21
	{ Laurie F. Wetmore,	3	34 00								
	{ Ruby A. Perkins, Asst.	3	9 50								
South,	{ Nina M. Dexter,	1	30 00	8	15	19 6	17 7	90 5	326	84	39
	{ Bertha M. Gleason,	1	26 00								
Wilson Hill,	{ Bessie M. Kemp,	1	28 00								
	Alice M. Thompson,	5	28 00	7	4	9 9	8 7	87 0	211	65	9
				175	152	307 7	281	391	44538	1297	233

* Year closing June, 1905.

Books and Supplies.

Value of books and supplies on hand March 1,	
1905,	\$145 38
Purchased during the year,	372 83
	\$518 21

Issued to schools.

NUMBER OF PUPILS.		
Adamsville,	12	\$24 76
Bardwell,	14	21 33
Centre,	31	26 67
Christian Hill,	18	22 42
Churchill,	10	16 71
Elm Grove,	24	30 58
Foundry Grammar,	31	31 62
Foundry Primary,	39	16 40
Four Corners,	8	22 13
Griswoldville Grammar,	20	22 81
Griswoldville Primary,	34	26 79
Miller,	8	16 28
Shattuckville,	42	34 54
South,	15	18 36
Wilson Hill,	7	10 34
	313	341 74
On hand Feb. 1, 1906,		\$176 47

313 pupils, with an average cost of \$1.09 per pupil, for books and supplies for the year.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following pupils have not been absent, tardy or dismissed during the number of terms mentioned, closing with the fall of 1905 :

EIGHT TERMS.

Nellie Kemp.

SIX TERMS.

Hazel Dunnell.

FIVE TERMS.

Leo Parker.

FOUR TERMS.

Fritz Coburn,
Ruth Coombs,

Margaret Browning,
Mary Sessler.

TWO TERMS.

Fred Bernard,
Milton Brown,
Noah Coburn,
Myron Dunnell,
James O'Brien,
Overlaw Peltier,
Raymond Starkey,
Horace York,

Mildred Apt,
Lefa Crosier,
Grace Hall,
Pearl Kendrick,
Mildred Starkey,
Ellen Storms,
Mary York.

ONE TERM.

Charles Bell,
William Call,
Perlre Carr,
Frank Chevalier,
Clifford Cromack,
Samuel Duprey,

Flora Bell,
Gertrude Bell,
Edith Bridges,
Ida Carey,
Pearl Carey,
Sarah Clark,

Halbert Dwight,
 Arthur Galipault,
 John Hillman,
 Walter LaValley,
 Osdin Lynde,
 James McGuire,
 William Merkle,
 Guy Miner,
 Claude Nichols,
 Russell Nichols,
 Charles O'Brien,
 Thomas O'Brien,
 Walter Paradee,
 Frederic Gossler,
 Raymond Shearer,
 John Thompson,
 Raymond Walden,
 James Warner,

Caroline Coburn,
 Elsie Coburn,
 Mary Contu,
 Lillian Cromack,
 Gladys Dennison,
 Ellen Dunnell,
 Minnie Galipault,
 Ruth Graham,
 Louise Hale,
 Marjorie Hale,
 Bessie Herzig,
 Emma LaValley,
 Florence McClellan,
 Jennie Martin,
 Ruby Martin,
 Blanche Nichols,
 Emma O'Brien,
 May O'Brien,
 Maud Paradee,
 Nida Perrault,
 Irene Peterson,
 Mary Reil,
 Ethel Ross,
 Marion Ross,
 Flora Scheckterle,
 Mildred Shearer,
 Laura Thompson,
 Dorothy Warner.

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

RESOURCES.

Town appropriation,	\$160 00	
Balance on hand from last year,	2 51	
Received for fines,	2 33	
		\$164 84

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Librarian's salary and rent,	\$75 00	
For books,	28 61	
C. W. Hawks, insurance,	4 50	
		\$108 11
Balance on hand, Feb. 1, 1906,		\$56 73

Number of books in library, Feb. 20, 1905,	2048
Number of books in library, Feb. 1, 1906,	2113
A. A. SMITH,	} Trustees.
J. E. DAVENPORT,	
E. W. COOMBS,	

Librarian's Report.

During the past year the Colrain Free Library has given out to readers between three and four thousand books.

It has maintained branch libraries at Christian Hill and Adamsville, and part of the year at Elm Grove and East Colrain, for the benefit of the people living in those neighborhoods. One hundred and twenty-five new books have been added and subscriptions have been made for five magazines for the coming year.

Of these books, part of them, costing \$28 61 were purchased early in the year: the balance, with magazines were

purchased lately and owing to a mistake of the book-seller, the bills were not received in time to be settled previous to Feb. 1 and will amount to \$74 22, more than covering our appropriation for last year, and even then not nearly adequate to satisfy the general demand for new books.

Many more families are using the library than formerly and those who have always taken books are reading more.

Owing to a publisher's book trust, we no longer get the same discount formerly given to libraries, and the money appropriated for books will buy about two-thirds as many as formerly. This year we were able to take advantage of a book sale at greatly reduced prices but we cannot expect to be so fortunate every year.

If the library continues to do good work and be of use to the people it must have more funds, and as the number of books already make it difficult for them to be stored in a private house, the time will soon come when a suitable library building must be provided.

Respectfully submitted,

KATHERINE H. CRAM,

Librarian.

J. W. Cram



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TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts and expenditures of the Town of Colrain for the year ending February 1, 1907:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, Feb 1, 1906,	\$2990 54
Louis Chevellier, butcher's license,	1.00
Louis Chevellier, butcher's license,	1.00
Ross E. Purrington, butcher's license,	1.00
Louis Cabbott, burial lot,	2 00
Josèph Gauyette, burial lot,	2 00
Arcade Payant, burial lot,	2 00
Edward Cusson, burial lot,	2 00
District Court of Franklin, fines returned,	41 40
Trustees of Quintus Allen fund,	163 00
C. J. Russell, innholders' license,	1 00
C. J. Russell, liquor license,	250 00
County Treasurer, dog fund returned,	75 34
Town of Shelburne, tuition,	136 00
Town of Buckland, school books,	4 34
Town of West Boylston, poor,	80 83
Shelburne Falls Nat Bank, temporary loan,	600 00
Shelburne Falls Savings Bank, loan,	2000 00
State Treasurer, Superintendent of Schools,	200 00
Tuition of State Children,	121 50
Inspection of Animals,	32 50
Corporation tax,	1014 79
National Bank tax,	303 21
State Aid,	498 00

High School tuition,	1092 00
Income of Massachusetts school fund,	995 62
A. H. Temple, balance of tax of 1905,	1430 03
A. H. Temple account of tax of 1906,	11,678 97
	\$23,720 07

EXPENDITURES.

Paid School Committee's orders,	\$7496 80
Library Trustee's orders,	308 50
Selectmen's orders,	12,590 36
Assessor's Abatements,	338 63
Balance on hand,	2985 78
	\$23,720 07

TOWN'S INDEBTEDNESS.

Greenfield Savings bank,	\$1050 00
Shelburne Falls Savings bank,	2395 00
	\$3445 00

R. C. HILLMAN,
Treasurer.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

R. C. HILLMAN, TOWN CLERK.

In account with the Town of Colrain, 1906-1907:

Cash received from 92 license, male dogs,	\$184 00
Cash received from 3 licenses, female dogs (spayed)	6 00
Cash received from 10 licenses of female dogs,	50 00
	\$240 00
Paid County Treasurer,	\$219 00
Clerk's fees,	21 00
	\$240 00

Statistics from Town Clerk's Records

Births recorded in the town of Colrain for the year 1906:

Date	Name	Name of parents
Jan. 4.	Elizabeth Margaret Apt,	William and Helen
Jan. 24.	Harold Everett Johnson,	Everett and Bertha
Jan. 30.	Alfred Leo Fornier,	Arthur and Edith
Feb. 2.	Barbara Smith Donelson,	Alfred and Martha
Feb. 4.	Harold Dalton Temple,	Seth and Mattie
Feb. 4.	Edmond Collissare,	Matt and Kate
Feb. 9.	Leo Theodore Duprey,	Peter and Annie
Feb. 13.	Frank Joseph Aunig,	Joseph and Augustine
Feb. 24.	Pearl Billiel,	David and Alice
Feb. 24.	Earl Billiel,	David and Alice

Mar.	4.	Florence Elenor Gilchrist,	Charles and Florence
Mar.	28	Antoine Demarair,	Peter and Cordelia
Mar.	30.	Theodore L. Brown,	William and Eva
Mar.	31.	Doratha Lillian Herzig,	Benjamin and Lillian
Apr.	1.	Floyd Gilbert Herzig,	Philip and Libby
Apr.	4.	William Whiting Ballard,	Joseph and Mary
Apr.	14.	—————Chabot,	Louis and Georgiana
May	6.	Edward Joy,	Irving and Marion
May	14.	Janie Mather Call,	Byron and Alice
May	16.	Margaret Thompson,	Ozro and Florence
May	18	Wesley Mervin Fairbanks,	Mervin and Lizzie
June	2.	Ernestine Miller,	Emory and Mary
June	23.	Norman E. Coburn,	Moses and Lena
July	6.	Marion May Cummings,	David and Emma
July	9.	Lawrence Day,	Samuel and Elizabeth
Aug.	9.	Malah Marion Bushey,	John and Roxey
Aug.	14.	Harold Everett Bailey,	Lester and Emma
Aug.	19.	Lillian May LaCross,	John and Myra
Aug.	22.	Rose Laurie Coburn,	Noah and Caroline
Aug.	30.	Rachel Elizabeth Purrington,	Ross and Minnie
Sept.	9.	Regena Louise Galipault,	Frank and Parmale
Sept.	16.	George Edmond Reil,	Oberloi and Eva
Oct.	7.	John Peterson Miner,	Clinton and Jennie
Oct.	8.	Helen Irene Churchill,	Fred and Minnie
Nov.	10.	Walter Loyed York,	Herbert and Hattie
Dec.	30.	Ernestine Mabel Leclair,	Eugene and Hattie
Dec.	31.	————— Lane,	Eugene and ————

Marriages recorded in the town of Colrain for the year 1906.

Date	Name	Residence	By whom married
Jan. 10.	William J. Bushey,	Colrain,	Edward L. Judge
	Roxey Richards,	Colrain,	Priest,
Feb. 20.	Albert Bush,	Bernard'n,	Rev. J. D. Graham
	Louise Couburn,	Colrain,	

Feb. 26.	Joseph Coanette, Emeline Guerin,	Heath, Priest. Colrain, Edward L. Judge
Apr. 4.	David Cummings, Emma B. Johnson,	Greenfield, Rev. S. Nichols Colrain,
Apr. 12.	Clifford Gilbert, Mary Lyon,	Charlemont, Edw. L. Judge Newport, Vt., Priest.
Apr. 20	John A. Bartlett, Sarah Earles,	Colrain, Rev. J. D. Graham Leominster,
May 7.	Francis Birch, Emma La Pierre,	Buckland, Edward L. Judge Colrain, Priest.
May 26.	David A. Coburn, Myra J. Lusty,	Colrain, Rev. J. D. Graham Colrain,
June 2.	Thomas J. Caloon, Laura M. Vincent,	Maine, Edward L. Judge Shelburne, Priest.
June 18.	William Lively, Burnadella Cútu,	Colrain, James P. Kirby Colrain, Priest.
June 26.	Joseph E. Dam, Bertha M. Harris,	Colrain, Rev N. M. Caton Colrain,
July 7.	Henry A. Coburn, Cora Secor,	Colrain, Rev N. M. Caton Colrain,
July 18.	Earl M. Nichols, Ethel L. Cary,	Colrain, Rev. J. D. Graham Colrain,
Aug. 27.	Thomas L. Ashton, Matilda I. LaPlant,	Colrain, Edward L. Judge Colrain, Priest.
Oct. 3.	John Harris, Jessie M. Eddy,	Colrain, Rev. H. R. Wadleigh Conway,
Oct. 17.	Leonard Rabedeau, Clara Gobriel,	Colrain, Edward L. Judge Colrain, Priest.
Oct. 28.	Norman Canedy, Christie Shifler,	Lanesboro, Rev J. D. Graham Colrain,
Oct. 24.	Sumner D. Kemp, Sadie M. Carr,	Colrain, Rev. J. D. Graham Colrain,

Oct. 28.	Raymond D. Lemon,	Hopedale, Rev. N. M. Caton
	Susan A. Norton,	Colrain,
Nov. 28.	Bohemiel Zika,	Colrain, Rev. F. N. Merriam
	Barbary Boudo,	Montague,
Dec. 26.	Louis Gunganig,	Buckland, Edward L. Judge
	Dora LaPierre,	Colrain, Priest.

Deaths recorded in the Town of Colrain for the year 1906:

Date	Name	Age			Place of interment
		Years	Months	Days	
Jan. 1.	George H. Abercrombie,	0	0	2	Weston, Mass
Jan. 5.	Nelson Beaudrin,	61	0	0	Colrain
Jan. 6.	Ralph W. Abercrombie,	0	0	6	Weston, Mass
Jan. 31.	Bernadette Payant,	19	0	0	Colrain
Feb. 3.	Stephen G. Davenport,	88	3	26	Colrain
Feb. 12.	David Cary,	88	0	0	Colrain
Feb. 21.	Silas W. Wheeler,	78	0	0	Halifax, Vt.
Feb. 25.	Sarah A. Smith,	19	0	10	Colrain
Mar. 5.	Julia H. Nourse,	66	2	22	Shelburne Falls
Mar. 30.	Slina Jangro Dam,	52	0	0	Colrain
Apr. 15.	———Chabot,	0	0	1	Colrain
Apr. 22.	———Scott,	0	0	1	Colrain
Apr. 27.	Emily S. McGee,	90	11	12	Colrain
Apr. 27.	James F. McClellen,	68	1	6	Colrain
May 3.	Charles S. Hillman,	92	0	2	Colrain
May 16.	David W. Nelson,	81	2	19	Bernardston
May 18.	Joseph D. Noyes,	82	11	18	Colrain
June 8.	Nancy J. Booth,	74	3	0	Colrain
June 13.	Emma Patnode,	41	0	0	Colrain
June 18.	Sarah J. Curtis,	72	11	27	Colrain
June 29.	Jane P. Harris,	69	11	19	Colrain
July 7.	Maria Pike,	102	3	7	Charlemont

Aug. 18.	Rhoda J. Donelson,	75 8 7	Colrain
Sept. 12.	Fred W. Shippee,	67 0 6	Colrain
Sept. 16.	David S. Faulkner,	52 6 19	Colrain
Oct. 10.	Lucy H. Fowler,	69 0 0	Halifax, Vt.
Nov. 2.	Sarah F. King,	62 4 7	Shelburne Falls
Dec. 11.	Sarah F. Davenport,	74 9 15	Colrain
Dec. 16.	Mary D. Perrault,	1 3 23	Shelburne Falls
Dec. 30.	Dora A. Tetreault,	0 3 0	Shelburne Falls
Dec. 31.	John A. Dwight,	70 3 15	Colrain

Any person finding an error or omission, will confer a favor by making it known to the Town Clerk, that it may be corrected on the town records.

Respectfully,
R. C. HILLMAN,
Town Clerk.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

February 13, 1907.

I have this day finished the examination of the books and accounts of the Town Clerk and Treasurer and find them correct.

JOHN C. THOMPSON,
Auditor.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEW SAFE

Your committee chosen at the last annual meeting to investigate the needs of the town in regard to a safe or fire proof vault have decided that as the safe now owned by the town holds the records of the town since its incorporation, and as the town has no place for a fire proof vault, that a safe of the same size of the one now owned and which can be purchased for from \$200 to \$250 would be the most economical, and would hold the records of the town for a long term of years.

Respectfully,

H. W. THOMPSON,
W. H. KEMP,
C. W. SMITH,
R. C. HILLMAN.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Highways and Bridges

A. Stetson,	\$6 60	R. Lusher,	1 05
Philip Herzig,	75	C. Fink,	8 75
J. Demareaux,	3 00	James Looman,	9 60
Peter Lucia,	3 00	C. J. Parker,	30 37
George West,	12 25	Noah Shambo,	5 25
J. W. Tinkham,	60 00	A. Stewart & Son,	24 82
Gottfred Schechterlee,	72 00	A. N. Carpenter,	10 80
Thomas Richards,	88 12	J. O. Cary,	3 75
W. D. Smith,	145 25	A. S. Dennison,	2 00
H. J. Smith,	319 25	C. B. Dennison & Son,	3 00
Albert Herzig,	18 75	Mary A. Nelson,	2 25
S. E. Clement,	5 10	F. M. Avery,	9 62
C. T. Gunn,	7 15	C. L. Donelson,	3 00
C. M. Fairbanks,	8 85	Joe Jureck,	6 45
Charles Lusty,	1 00	N. G. Dix,	22 82
W. W. Smith,	75	O. M. Brown,	3 00
Frank Fairbanks,	75	C. D. Miner,	2 65
Eli Stone,	1 00	W. A. Barber,	33 13
James Galvin,	19 61	H. S. Browning,	1 75
Winford Goodnow,	96 89	W. H. Bardwell,	13 89
H. Newell & Co,	22 50	H. R. Donelson,	4 50
E. M. Dwight,	110 00	J. M. Shearer,	4 77
R. C. Porter,	2 50	Wm. Martin,	12 75
A. L. Fish,	10 25	H. O. Scott,	1 75
C. N. Carpenter,	26 10	Walter Barnes,	1 75
W. S. Carpenter,	22 20	E. H. Underwood,	7 05

Lively Galipault,	3 75	F. L. Brigham,	1 65
J. P. Sturtevant,	7 40	G. A. Thompson,	2 00
M. B. Crosier,	3 10	Milo Thompson & Son,	1 00
T. R. Shearer,	5 85	Walter Kelley,	1 50
Chas. A. Smith,	2 00	D. M. Pierce,	3 90
J. E. Bowen,	3 25	F. D. Thompson,	2 50
Geo. P. Morton,	14 00	H. C. Cromack,	1 50
F. L. Kendrick,	7 88	Joseph Lively,	3 50
C. S. Roberts,	2 60	G. A. Stetson & Son,	3 67
E. R. Cobb,	7 21	Levi Davenport,	75
Chester W. Smith,	90	Orson Call,	6 83
John Miner,	11 00	R. M. Coombs,	4 65
Fred H. Smith,	1 50	M. M. Johnson,	7 50
Edgar White,	9 00	Miner & White,	1 00
Otis White,	13 50	Chas. Hillman,	5 40
Frank Galipault,	3 45	J. B. Cromack,	2 43
J. A. Dwight & Son,	4 68	W. H. Kemp,	7 35
J. B. Clark & Son,	50	H. W. Thompson,	10 00
Frank Bates,	10 95	Chas. W. Smith,	27 00
		Total,	\$1,622 97

Graveling Green River Road

Amos Stewart & Son,	20 00	Thomas Richards,	14 00
C. B. Dennison & Son,	18 00	H. J. Smith,	20 00
H. P. Larabee,	11 50		
H. S. Browning,	12 75	Total,	\$105 75

Graveling Griswoldville Road

Otis White,	18 75	Joseph Lively,	15 75
Henry Miller,	7 50	Chas. W. Smith,	56 10
W. W. Ariel,	5 25	Henry Fortin,	12 45
E. M. Dwight,	1 75	Frank Gallipault,	1 50

Thomas Richards,	26 25	H. J. Smith,	45 00
Lively & Gallipault,	9 00	W. D. Smith,	31 75
Walter Barnes,	22 75		
		Total,	<u>\$253 80</u>

Breaking Roads

F. A. Dunnel,	\$4 20	C. M. Fairbanks,	2 00
Harry Bell,	6 00	Geo. Pierce,	5 00
J. H. Carr,	3 53	Chas. W. Smith,	5 00
Albert Herzig,	3 75		
		Total,	<u>\$29 48</u>

Incidentals

J. F. Temple, printing town reports,	55 00	H. W. Thompson, wood for town,	5 00
M. S. Harris, wood for town,	5 50	Smith & Hillman, sta- tionery and express,	9 62
W. A. Johnson, 21 death returns,	5 25	Smith & Hillman,	3 57
Colrain fire district, wa- ter rent,	11 26	J. B. Clark & Son,	50
F. H. Brown & Co, sta- tionery,	7 50	H. J. Smith,	3 21
Churchill Bros.,	4 70	J. W. Cram, M. D., re- turn 22 births,	5 50
John L. Smith, repairs on scraper,	4 50	J. A. Mather, M. D., return of 4 births,	1 00
Colrain Elect. Light Co.,	5 00	W. H. Ward, court fees,	16 48
H. B. Miller, stationery and express,	7 50	Twitchell, Stetson & Canedy, return of 1 birth,	25
W. S. Allard, repairs on road scraper,	10 55	State Treasurer, one- fourth liquor license,	62 50

R. M. Coombs,	1 50	E. F. Haskins, court	
Colrain fire district, wa-		fees,	8 75
ter rent,	5 00	A. J. Brooks, court	
W. H. Kemp, postage		fees,	11 33
and sundries,	11 20	F. J. Canedy, return of	
J. W. Cram, M. D.,	5.00	11 births,	2 75
Wm. M. Smead, court		Goodell Tool Co., repairs	
fees,	4 07	on hearse,	5 00
R. C. Hillman, recording			
deaths, births and		Total,	\$309 39
marriages,	30 40		

Old Bills

S. E. Temple,	\$3 75	W. A. Johnson,	4 23
Myron Peterson,	2 25	S. W. Wheeler's est.,	10 65
		Total,	\$20 88

Highway Damages

Paid J. W. Carpenter,	\$25 00
Joe. Bennett,	10 00
C. A. Dennison,	5 00
H. R. Donelson,	25 00
Total,	\$65 00

Town Officers

Paid F. M. Avery, registrar,	\$ 8.00
A. H. Temple, tax collector,	135 00
H. S. Meacham, inspector,	168 25
C. N. Carpenter, sexton,	12 00
George N. Kelley, ballot clerk,	2 00
A. L. Dennison, ballot clerk,	4 00
F. M. Avery, registrar,	8 00
A. R. Donelson, registrar,	10 00

H. B. Miller, assessor,	45 00
H. B. Miller, school committee,	20 00
Charles A. Smith, ballot clerk,	2 00
J. E. Bowen, ballot clerk,	2 00
F. L. Kendrick, constable,	19 00
H. O. Scott, auditor,	10 00
C. L. Brigham, ballot clerk,	2 00
R. M. Coombs, assessor,	35 00
H. A. Howard, moderator,	2 50
W. H. Kemp, selectman and overseers of poor,	75 00
H. W. Thompson, selectman and over- seers of poor,	75 00
C. W. Smith, selectman and over- seers of poor,	75 00
J. E. Davenport, school committee,	35 00
J. E. Davenport, clerk of school board,	10 00
J. E. Davenport, sexton,	40 00
J. E. Davenport, ballot clerk,	2 00
E. W. Coombs, school committee,	25 00
J. B. Clark & Son, hearse man,	33 00
J. A. Mather, M. D., agent board of health,	14 00
J. C. Thompson, constable,	6 00
F. A. Brown, assessor,	36 25
R. C. Hillman, clerk and treasurer,	85 00
R. C. Hillman, registrar,	10 00
Total,	\$1,006 00

Town Debt and Interest

Paid Shelburne Falls National Bank, interest,	\$ 13 50
E. H. Gay & Co., town debt,	3,000 00

E. H. Gay & Co., interest,	120 00
Greenfield Savings Bank, interest,	42 00
Shelburne Falls Savings Bank, interest,	16 04

\$3,191 54

Paid Shelburne Falls National Bank,	
temporary loan,	\$ 600 00
County tax,	1,498 56
State tax,	770 00
State highway tax,	91 50
State aid,	548 00
Colrain fire district,	351 12
Dr. J. A. Mathen, Pasteur treat-	
ment for rabies,	80 35
Soldiers' Relief,	14 15
Memorial Day,	50 00

Resources of Town

Due from State on account of state	
aid,	\$548 00
from Bay State Construction Co.,	
use of motor,	45 00
from town of West Boylston on	
account of Mrs Patnode,	391 61
from Colrain fire district,	54 03
from state on account of inspec-	
tion of animals,	36 00

Total, \$1,074 64

Recapitulation

Amount appropriated	Amount expended
\$1,800 00 Highways and bridges,	\$1,622 97
100 00 Graveling Green river road,	105 75

1,200 00	Support of poor,	1,236 16
110 00	State highway tax,	91 50
1,000 00	Town officers,	1,006 00
1,500 00	County tax,	1,498 56
900 00	State tax,	770 00
3,000 00	Town debt,	3,000 00
250 00	Interest,	191 54
150 00	Old bills,	20 88
350 00	Incidentals,	309 39
100 00	Soldiers' relief,	14 15
450 00	State aid,	548 00
300 00	Graveling road in Griswoldville,	253 80
	Highway damages,	65 00
	Colrain fire district tax,	351 12
	Snow work,	29 48
	Temporary loan,	600 00
	Dr. J. A. Mather,	80 35
Total,		\$11,844 65

Inventory of Tools

One crusher elevator, two screens, electric motor.

16 shovels,

4 steel bars,

6 wheel-barrows,

4 hoes,

6 picks,

1 road machine,

Seals for weights and measures,

2 safes,

1 derrick,

1 plow,

2 scrapers,

1 book-case.

We would recommend the following appropriations for the year 1907:—

Highways and bridges,	\$1,600 00
Support of poor,	1,000 00
Graveling Green river road,	100 00
Graveling North River Road,	200 00
State highway tax,	110 00
Town officers,	1,000 00
County tax,	1,500 00
State tax,	800 00
Town debt,	1,000 00
Interest,	200 00
Old Bills,	150 00
Memorial Day,	50 00
Incidentals,	350 00
State aid,	600 00

H. W. THOMPSON,
W. H. KEMP,
C. W. SMITH,
Selectmen of Colrain.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have this day finished my examination of the books of the Selectmen and find them correct.

JOHN C. THOMPSON,
Auditor.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR

Support of Poor

Mrs. Emma Patnode belongs to West Boylston:—

Paid Smith & Hillman,	\$140 11
Mrs Eva Gadneault,	17 00
Mrs. Ben Coburn,	70 00
Dr. J. A. Mather,	59 50
Dr. J. W. Cram,	65 00
Wm. A. Johnson,	35 00

\$386 61

Mrs. Henry Cary:—

Paid Town of Gardner,	\$7 50
C. W. Smith, expenses on Cary case,	4 00

\$11 50

Mrs Mary Sullivan:—

Paid Town of Montague,	\$5 50
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\$5 50

Miss Emma Zarock:—

Paid Franklin Co. Hospital,	\$24 00
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\$24 00

Frank Southworth:—

Paid George W. Warner,	\$208 00
Dr. J. W. Cram,	2 50

\$210 50

Nathaniel Harris:—

Paid George W. Warner,	\$227 00
Dr. J. W. Cram,	19 20
Smith & Hillman,	1 50

\$247 70

Mrs Jacob Thompson:—

Paid Franklin Co. Hospital,	\$15 00
Dennison & Smith,	4 15

\$19 15

Mrs. Henry Miller:—

Paid R. E. Purrington,	\$48 38
Dennison & Smith,	108 00
Dr. J. W. Cram,	4 80

\$161 18

Mrs. William Fisher:—

Paid Town of Haverhill,	\$4 65
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\$4 65

Mrs. George W. Streeter:—

Paid Town of Greenfield,	\$56 75
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\$56 75

Fred Vincent:—

Paid C. W. Smith,	\$6 75
H. J. Smith,	4 75
Dennison & Smith,	30 00
Dr. J. W. Cram,	12 80

\$54 30

Mrs. H. M. Underwood:—	
Paid F. A. Brown,	\$31 32
Dr. J. W. Cram,	5 00
	\$36 32
Mrs Daniel Cary:—	
Paid Dr. J. W. Cram,	\$18 00
	\$18 00
Total for support of poor,	
	\$1,236 16

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. THOMPSON,

W. H. KEMP,

C. W. SMITH,

Overseers of Poor.

TOWN OF COLRAIN

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

School Committee

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1

1907

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1907-'08

SPRING TERM—Begins April 8; ends June 28.

FALL TERM—Begins September 3; ends November 22. In the following schools the term will begin August 19: Christian Hill, Wilson Hill, Churchill, South, Four Corners and Bardwell.

WINTER TERM—Begins December 2; ends February 28.

VACATION—Thanksgiving week, and December 21 to 30.

HOLIDAYS—Patriot's Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, February 22.

School Committee

EDWIN W. COOMBS, Chairman,
JONATHAN E. DAVENPORT, Secretary,
HUGH B. MILLER,
CHARLES P. HALL, Superintendent.

Truant Officer

FRED L. KENDRICK.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FELLOW CITIZENS:

In presenting our annual report, to you, we will consider that part of the management of our schools which comes especially within the jurisdiction of the School Committee. The whole management of our public schools belongs to the committee but in these later years that part which directly concerns the work of the school room has been delegated to the School Superintendent, the committee having more especially the management of the finances.

It has been our purpose to make the best use possible of the money appropriated to maintain our schools. Of the \$7700.00 which our schools have cost for the past year \$4800.00 was raised by the town and \$2900.00 came from other sources. As this is the first full year that has been reported since the town voted to close its financial year upon January 1st, the cost of maintaining our schools cannot be compared with any past year, as the bills for the last part of the winter term of 1905-6 came into this year's account. We are now upon a solid basis and we believe by continuing with an appropriation the same as for the past few years we shall be able to pay running expenses and make a steady gain in repairing and improving our school property. We do not make any pretence at being anything but public servants, for this cause we have tried so far as possible to work for the best interests of the whole people. There are times when it is very difficult to manage affairs so that all will receive their just due without oppressing anyone.

Transportation of scholars is, as it ever has been, a perplex-

ing problem, just how much it is wise to pay for transportation and just how few scholars to keep a school running for, are questions that can only be answered by a close study of each individual case. The conditions are such just now that we must decide whether it will be best to open the Spurr school house again. If it is found best to do so there must be quite an outlay to put the house in condition for use. Unless there is a change in numbers there are too many scholars from the Spurr neighborhood to be accommodated in the Elm Grove school house. In this year's account we find that there has been an increase in teachers' salaries and in the amount expended upon repairs. The much needed addition has been made to the Shattuckville school house, new floors have been laid in two school houses and smaller jobs done in the most of the others. If the Brick and Spurr school houses are not needed at present it will be necessary to make some repairs in order to save them from being destroyed. One year ago there was a balance of \$1217.45 in the treasury to our credit, this year there is \$1139.10. This amount is sufficient to pay all bills which will come due at the close of the winter term of school. We would recommend for the coming year an appropriation of \$4500.00 for schools and \$300.00 for School Superintendent. All of which we respectfully submit.

RESOURCES.

Town appropriation for schools,	\$4,500 00
Town appropriation for School Superintendent,	300 00
Received from Massachusetts school fund,	995 62
Received tuition of state wards,	121 50
Received rebate from state on Superintendent's salary,	200 00
Received high school tuition from state,	1,092 00

Received from dog fund,	75 39
Received tuition from Shelburne,	136 00
Received from exchange of books with Buckland,	4 34
Balance on hand Feb 1st, 1906,	1,217 45
	\$8,642 30

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Teachers,	\$4,237 50
Transportations,	506 15
Supplies,	384 32
Repairs,	595 97
Fuel,	162 36
Incidentals,	74 32
Cleaning and care of school rooms,	142 58
High school tuition,	1,092 00
Superintendent of schools,	300 00
Truant officer,	8 00
	\$7,503 20
Balance in treasury Feb 1st, 1907,	\$1,139 10

TEACHERS SALARIES.

Paid Florence Raguse,	90 00
Louise Sessler,	223 00
Laurie F. Wetmore,	315 00
Ruby S. Perkins,	40 00
Alice M. Thompson,	266 50
Nettie M. Canedy,	228 00
Bessie M. Kemp,	284 00
Katherine E. Burke,	264 00
Nellie E. Adams,	136 00
Mabel S. Ware,	136 00
Daisy L. Call,	153 00

Edith M. Smith,	40 00
Laura E. Braley,	306 00
Myra L. Hillman,	282 50
Nettie J. Brown,	34 00
Mabel S. Sherman,	42 50
Mattie H. Wiley,	77 00
Grace Roland,	78 00
Florence L. Thompson,	270 00
Ruth Purrington,	38 00
Martha L. Lane,	171 00
Gladys P. Pierce,	152 00
Mrs. H. B. Upton,	9 00
Feodore Nicholls,	38 00
Fanny S. Shaw,	126 00
Edna A. Davenport,	126 00
Josephine A. Griswold,	126 00
Bessie Hillman,	6 00
C. L. Brigham,	180 00
	\$4,237 50

TRANSPORTATION.

Paid Louis Chevalier,	\$119 00
F. M. Thompson,	15 40
Thomas Richards,	59 00
W. R. Bridges,	82 00
E. Auger,	63 75
Amos Carey,	7 00
Olive Nichols,	154 00
Alice M. Thompson,	6 00

\$506 15

FUEL.

Paid Harry Bell,	\$23 28
A. B. Stetson,	23 31

J. Jurek,	22 00
J. E. Davenport,	29 17
C. J. Moore,	13 50
J. M. Shearer,	13 50
Chester W. Smith,	11 60
William Martin,	11 00
F. L. Kendrick,	8 25
W. R. Bridges,	6 75

\$162 36

CLEANING AND CARE OF SCHOOL ROOMS.

Paid Louise Sessler,	\$8 00
Frederick Bridges,	2 00
Florence Raguse,	8 40
Emma Starkey,	1 50
Flora Bell,	10 00
Edith M. Smith,	60
Ida Billiel,	3 60
Arthur Cothurs,	60
Malvina Patnode,	1 80
Eva Rabedeau,	3 60
Herbert Peterson,	3 60
Francis Duprey,	13 20
Hazel Dunnell,	2 40
Jesse Joy,	3 80
Golfried Schechterlee,	7 95
Katherine E. Burke,	8 40
Howard M. Kemp,	4 80
Bessie M. Kemp,	4 15
Raymond Starkey,	4 60
Mildred Starkey,	3 80
Walter Brown,	3 00
Iantha Cook,	2 00

Mary Storms,	7 40
Rosemarie Brigham,	40
Daisy L. Call,	90
Florence L. Thompon,	1 03
Eva Mathys,	60
Bertha Bennett,	60
Ida Bell,	4 00
Mrs. F. S. Fairbanks,	3 00
Mattie Wiley,	1 10
Laura E. Braley,	2 75
Frank Richards,	2 40
Ira C. Miner,	80
J. Jurek,	2 00
Mrs Thomas Richards,	4 00
Katie Schechterlee,	1 20
Walter Herzig,	90
Lillian Beaudry,	1 20
Merle King,	1 20
Anna Paradee,	2 40
Alice Thompson,	1 50
Nettie M. Canedy,	1 40

\$142 58

INCIDENTALS.

Paid C. P. Hale,	\$17 58
H. S. Swan Co.,	1 40
Mattie Wiley,	30
Dennison & Smith,	14 72
Carpenter & McDonald,	33 09
J. E. Davenport,	2 93
Smith & Hillman,	4 00
James Carr,	30

\$74 32

REPAIRS.

Paid C. W. Hillman,	\$ 1 53
J. E. Davenport,	16 70
M. N. Peterson,	3 00
Rosco Fisk,	9 00
Gotfried Schechterlee,	19 50
Katherine E. Burke,	75
F. W. Purrington,	49 32
A. O. Davenport,	62 20
J. A. Richmond & Sons,	15 27
Pray & Smith,	6 30
A. R. Dennison,	185 85
M. S. Harris, JAMES HARRIS	59 87
H. Newell & Co.,	6 65
Franklin Co. Lumber Co.,	62 02
J. M. Shearer,	70 21
James Carr,	3 00
F. L. Kendrick,	1 50
W. S. Allard,	1 00
Carpenter & McDonald,	14 50
E. W. Coombs,	7 80
	\$595 97

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION.

Greenfield High School,	\$78 00
Arms Academy,	1,014 00
	\$1,092 00
C. P. Hall, superintendent of schools,	300 00
F. L. Kendrick, truant officer,	8 00

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Paid C. L. Brigham,	\$ 1 10
C. P. Hall;	383 22
	\$384 32

E. W. COOMBS,
J. E. DAVENPORT,
H. B. MILLER,
School Committee of Colrain.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the accounts of the school committee and also accounts of the librarian and find them correct.

JOHN C. THOMPSON,
Auditor.

Feb 9th, 1907.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Committee of Colrain :

I hereby submit to you and the people of this town, my fourteenth report concerning its schools.

There has been very little change in the general work of the schools during the past few years. This does not mean, however, that those in charge of the schools do not believe in advancement, or are opposed to things because they are new. While we may be considered somewhat conservative in school matters, we mean to hold ourselves ready to adopt any new method of teaching or management which promises better results than the old. A method in pedagogy or elsewhere is better because of its inherent value, not because it is old or new.

The past has been a very successful year in the history of our schools. The general success of our schools in these years is due in no small degree to the high ability, good judgment and efficient interest of the school committee. But the highest success is never attained in school unless the teacher acts the leading part. Emerson once wrote to his daughter, "It matters little what your studies are, it all lies on who your teacher is."

We hear much said in these days about the importance of moral training in the schools, accompanied with charge of failure in this respect. The schools are charged with responsibility for lack of respect and reverence, for the disregard of others' rights, convenience, or property, and other reckless habits shown by the children. Much of this complaint is unjust. Every good school is an effective agency for the moral train-

ing of its pupils. This purpose is uppermost in the minds of all true teachers. This is what one of them says: "The highest efficiency of the public school is tested by its results in moral character, and hence its central aim is effective moral training. It is vastly more important that the present generation of youth in our schools leave them loving truth, purity, right and honor than that they leave them good spellers or good arithmeticians." The habits of accuracy, punctuality, industry, obedience, honesty, politeness and self restraint which are inculcated in every good school, become virtues when the will consciously enters into them.

We have had about the usual number of changes among our teachers this year. Miss Mattie Wiley taught the Elm Grove school during the spring term. The Wilson Hill school was reopened in the spring with Miss Grace V. Rowland as teacher. At the beginning of the fall term Miss Martha Lane of Gloucester was elected to Griswoldville Grammar, Miss Gladys Pierce of Greenfield to Griswoldville Primary, Miss Myra Hillman to Foundry Grammar, Miss Alice Thompson to Elm Grove, Miss Nettie Canedy to Adamsville, Miss Edna Davenport to Christian Hill, Miss Josephine Griswold of Shelburne Falls to Churchill, Miss Fanny Shaw of Shelburne Falls to Wilson Hill, Miss Louise Sessler to Four Corners, Miss Ruth Purrington assistant at Shattuckville and Miss Feodore Nicholls assistant at the Center.

Course of Study

At the beginning of the winter term a new course of study was placed in the hands of the teachers. This outlines the work which we are now doing, and was made necessary by recent changes in text-books and in manner of presenting some of the work. Special attention is now given to reading in the first three grades, so that two or three more books are read

each year than were read a few years ago. While our children could not "spell down," or toe a crack in the floor and spell their way to the head, as well as their ancestors, perhaps; yet they probably see common words in print a hundred times where the fathers saw them once, and spell the words with pen and pencil a dozen times today, where they spelled them once in that way in early days.

Effort is made in the early years of our work in English, or language, to give large attention to its expression; both with the tongue and with the pen. We employ as large a variety of methods as possible—reproduction, description, narration, letter-writing—looking not only to correct use of words but to a happy choice in the words used. In the upper grades special stress is laid upon the technical, or grammar side of language teaching.

Although in many cities and towns vertical writing has recently given way to some form of "modified slant," it has seemed best to us to hold fast to the good we have, until something else shall establish its right of way. It may seem best during the coming year to give fair trial to some one of the varied systems urged upon us today. In the mean time we may rest assured that the vertical system will continue to give the children the same plain, legible writing that they have shown the past eight or ten years.

There is much talk in the air and on solid ground, even, in these days about making our courses of study, from primary school to college more practical, and school authorities are giving the matter careful consideration. But other features of our school work should not be forgotten. While we have one eye upon the practical side, let us turn the other upon the music, the drawing, and the culture side of our nature study, reading and language which have so much to do in making life a thing

of joy and beauty. Let me quote from Mr. H. T. Bailey, recently State Agent, to represent drawing in the schools: "As our courses become more practical they must become more ideal. We must have more nature study from the poet's point of view, that our children may look upon the world with the anointed eye and find there Henry Van Dyke's God of the Open Air, and Celia Thaxter's God who cares for the Little Sandpiper. We must have more music to tame the spirit in its outbursts of passion, soothe it in sorrow, uplift it in gloom, cheer it in weariness, speak for it at times when it can find no language but a cry. We must have more fine art that our young men may see visions, and our young women may dream dreams. We must have more inspiring biography and history that our children may see their fathers glorified—the men who made way for liberty and died, the women who endured as seeing the invisible. We must have more poetry, more ethical instruction, more interpretation of great literature, that our children may have exalted ideas of manhood and womanhood, of human brotherhood, of mutual helpfulness, of individual responsibility, of the great spiritual realities which bind the world by golden chains about the throne of God. 'Where there is no vision the people perish.'"

Mr. Brigham has had another successful year with the music.

Medical Inspection

At the last session of the Legislature a bill was passed providing for medical inspection in the public schools.

This bill provides:—

I. That the school committee of every city and town shall appoint a school physician for the public schools, and shall provide that he see promptly all children who seem to be in ill health.

II. That the sight and hearing of all children in the public schools shall be annually tested by the teachers.

The expense of the inspection by a physician must be borne by the city or town. As this work cannot be done until an appropriation is made for that purpose, no action has been taken by our committee. There will be an article in the town warrant calling for action in the matter. It seems very desirable that provision be made for carrying this law into effect. We have had a good number of cases in the last few years, where one child, or one family, has exposed the whole school to some contagious disease which resulted in serious injury to the health of the children and the school attendance. There have been other instances of light cases of some infectious disease, where the child returned to school too early, and thus exposed other children. A teacher cannot always tell whether the child should be sent home for sickness or not; a school physician could quickly determine it.

The testing of the eyes and ears was made in January. The number of children tested was 240; number found with defective eyes, 70; number with defective hearing, 25; number of parents notified, as required by law, 34. We found several cases where the eyes were in very bad condition, while the ears did not seem so faulty. I am sure that if some of the children with bad eyes can be fitted with glasses, they will find a pleasure in doing their work that they have never known before. For the sake of uniformity in the test the Superintendent gave it in all the schools. We labored at a disadvantage in making the tests in several schools on account of the size of the rooms.

The attendance was better the past year than the one preceding, and still the figures are too large to represent efficient service. "The evil of tardiness is not that it necessitates the

appearance of black marks on the school register, but that it is evidence of a failure to keep a business engagement.

Not only does it diminish the working efficiency of the school, but it makes unreliable the pupil who practices it, and he should be saved from such evil result."

A much needed addition to the Shattuckville house was built in the summer; two of the houses were painted, new floors were laid in two of them, and slate blackboards were placed in the Elm Grove school.

The coming season the houses at Shattuckville and the South school should be painted and the Four Corners school painted in the inside.

With thankful recognition of the cordial support of committee, teachers and citizens in the work of the year, this report is

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES P. HALL,

Superintendent.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

Mr. C. P. Hall, Superintendent of Schools:

I am glad to report increased interest in musical work in the schools of Colrain and a corresponding gain in results attained. The work is being carried on along the same lines as last year, as set forth in my report at the time. At the Memorial Day exercises we had a chorus of some 50 or 60 children brought together from the different schools who gave three selections, one of which was a composition of one of the best young American composers of music—Henry K. Hadley. All of this music was given with the four parts, viz: Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass, whereas the previous year the chorus sang in unison. With only a short rehearsal just before the exercises a remarkably smooth performance was given, creditable to any school chorus of corresponding size. Great credit is due the teachers in charge for their efficient work in promoting this branch of instruction, for without thorough and patient drill nothing can be accomplished. In conclusion let me also express my gratification for the many kind expressions of approval from citizens of the town.

Respectfully submitted,
CLARENCE L. BRIGHAM,
Supervisor of Music.

STATISTICAL TABLE*

Schools	Teachers	Terms	Wages per Month	Whole No. Enrolled		Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent of Attendance	Days of Absence	Cases of Tardiness	Cases of Dismissal
				Boys	Girls						
Adamsville Bardwell Centre	Myra L. Hillman	3	\$32.00	9	6	14.0	13.2	94.0	151	11	1
	Katherine E. Burke	3	28.00	11	5	14.3	13.3	92.7	176	73	16
	Laura E. Braley	3	34.00	15	18	30.4	28.7	94.4	136	55	33
Christian Hill Churchill	Nettie J. Brown, Asst.	3	8.00								
	Alice M. Thompson	3	28.00	12	6	16.6	15.1	91.2	259	17	6
	Nettie M. Canedy	3	25.00	7	7	10.4	9.6	92.5	136	46	3
Elm Grove	Florence L. Thompson	1	32.00								
	Mabelle F. Sherman	1	34.00	16	11	23.7	21.9	92.4	295	128	28
	Mattie H. Wiley	1	28.00								
Foundry Grammar Foundry Primary	Daisy L. Call	3	36.00	24	10	28.1	26.5	94.2	292	120	34
	Edith M. Smith	2	32.00	21	23	39.2	35.6	90.9	653	133	20
	Florence L. Thompson	1	36.00								
Four Corners Griswoldville Grammar Griswoldville Primary Miller	Florence W. Raguse	3	25.00	4	6	10.2	9.5	93.9	96	29	5
	Nellie E. Adams	3	32.00	9	11	16.5	14.8	89.6	321	268	20
	Mabel S. Ware	3	32.00	23	12	33.1	30.1	90.9	548	345	22
Shattuckville South Wilson Hill	Louise M Sessler	3	25.00	4	4	6.2	5.6	90.1	124	24	4
	Laurie F. Wetmore	3	36.00	23	23	39.1	37.6	96.3	251	114	85
	Ruby A. Perkins, Asst.	3	9.50								
	Bessie M. Kemp	3	30.00	7	10	15.3	15.1	98.5	41	26	7
	Mattie H. Wiley	1	24.00	5	5	6.5	5.7	88.2	86	93	13
	Grace V. Rowland	1	24.00								
				190	157	303.6	282.3	93.0	3565	1482	297

* Year closing June, 1906.

ROLL OF HONOR

The following pupils have not been absent, tardy, or dismissed during the number of terms mentioned, closing with the fall term of 1906:

ELEVEN TERMS.

Nellie Kemp.

NINE TERMS.

Hazel Dunnell.

SEVEN TERMS.

Fritz Coburn,

Margaret Browning,

Mary Sessler.

FIVE TERMS.

Noah Coburn,

Mildred Apt.

FOUR TERMS.

Caroline Coburn,

Elise Coburn.

THREE TERMS.

John Thompson,
Carrie McGee.

Lillian Cromack,

TWO TERMS.

Russell Apt,
Fred Bernard,
George Call,
Robert Call,
Perl Carr,
Frank Chevalier,
John Coombs,
Robert Coombs,

William Merkle,
Eddie Miller,
Leo Parker,
Frederic Sessler,
Howard Root,
Charles Underwood,
James Warner,
Horace York,

Effie Apt,
 Edith Bridges,
 Annie Bushey,
 Ruth Coombs,
 Gladys Cromack,
 Lifa Crosier,
 Cora Cutting,
 Grace Hall,
 Merle King,

Alice Joy,
 Pearl Kendrick,
 Hope Knight,
 Dora Lamorie,
 Clara Starkey,
 Mildred Starkey,
 Olive Storms,
 Dorothy Warner,
 Mary York.

ONE TERM.

Erford Bernard,
 Charles Billiel,
 Clarence Bridges,
 Milton Brown,
 Lawrence Bushey,
 Frederic Call,
 William Call,
 Leon Carpenter,
 Homer Cusson,
 Elbert Damon,
 Elmer Damon,
 Myron Dunnell,
 Arthur Galvin,
 Leon Hersig,
 Merritt King,
 Homer Knight,
 Lawrence Lamorie,
 Wilfred Le Pierre,
 Mary Billiel,
 Mary Bridges,

Ruth Burrington,
 Sarah Clark,
 Muriel Damon,
 Ellen Dunnell,
 Marjorie Hale,
 Gertrude Hersig,
 Mina Hillman,
 Emma Lavalley,
 Jennie Martin,
 Ruby Martin,
 Emma O'Brien,
 Nida Perrault,
 Edna Thompson,
 Laura Thompson,
 Walter Lavalley,
 Arthur Morrow,
 James O'Brien,
 Russell Shearer,
 Leon Stone,
 Walter Underwood.

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

RESOURCES.

Town appropriation,	\$230 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Paid Librarian's salary and rent,	\$ 80 00
For books,	153 50
	\$233 50
Number of books in library, Feb. 1, 1906,	2113
Number of books in library, Feb 1, 1907,	2185

E. W. COOMBS,
A. A. SMITH,
J. E. DAVENPORT,

Trustees.

Librarian's Report

Colrain, Feb. 12, 1907.

The Colrain Library during the past year has been keeping up its usual circulation. Between three and four thousand books have been loaned to borrowers.

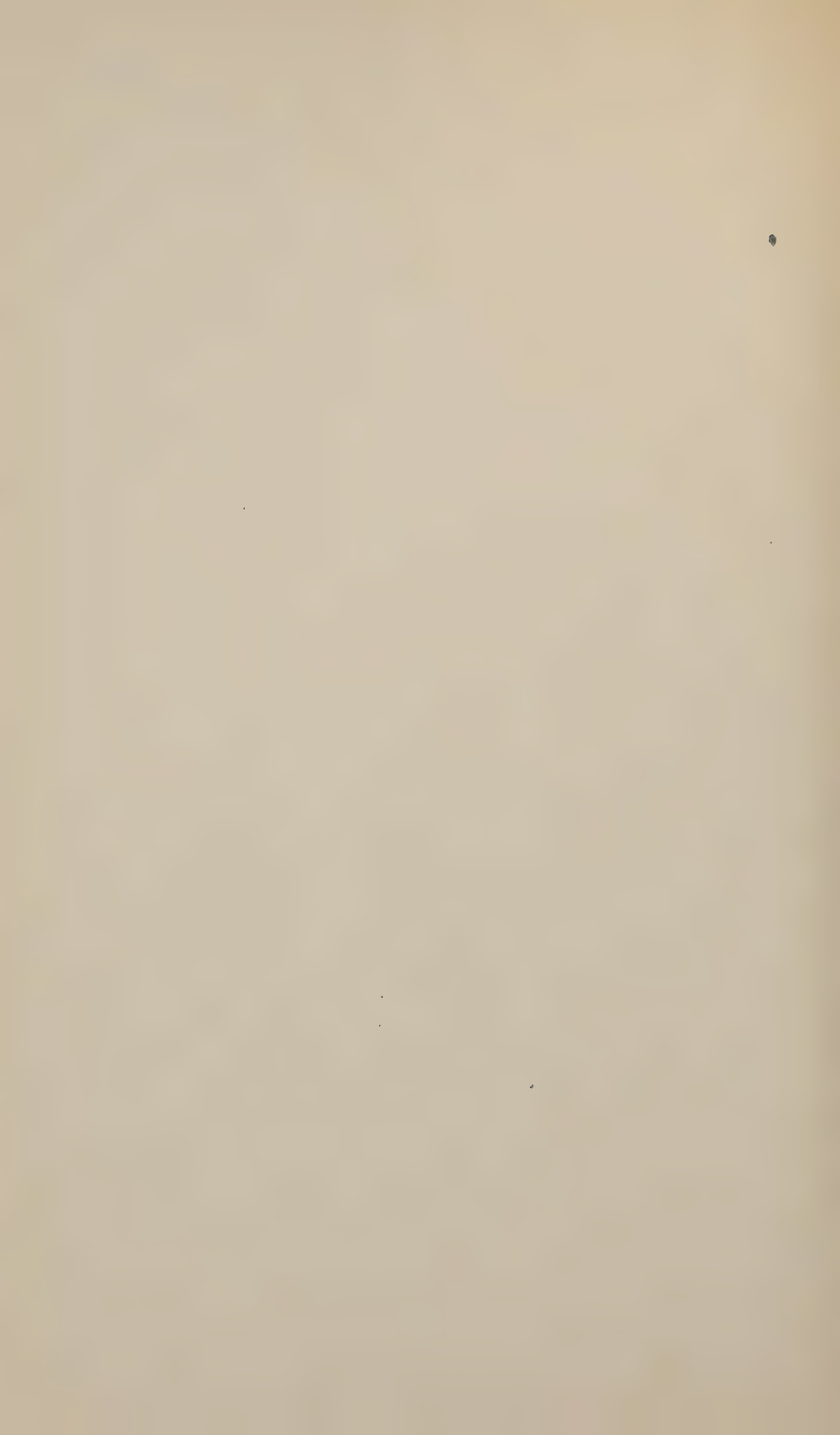
We have added to our permanent collection forty-seven volumes and have purchased a Tabard Inn Library of twenty-five volumes, which, after the first cost, is self supporting. This has been very successful and will be an addition to our resources the coming year. We have subscribed for five maga-

zines as usual and these have had a good circulation. We were unable to secure new quarters for the books as was expected last spring and they have been kept at the usual place.

Branch libraries have been maintained at Christian Hill and East Colrain and part of the year at Adamsville. Last year the number of volumes contained in the Colrain Free Library was 2113, at this date it contains 2185.

Respectfully submitted,

KATHERINE N. CRAM,
Librarian.



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TOWN OF COLRAIN

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts and Expenditures of the Town of Colrain for the Year Ending February 1, 1908.

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1907	\$ 2985 78	
from West Boylton, acct. of Mr. Patnode	391 61	
from A. H. Temple, Tax Collector 1906	264 59	
		\$ 3641 98
Paid School Committee's orders	\$ 685 94	
Selectmen's orders	276 05	
Balance on hand March 9, 1907	2679 99	
		\$ 3641 98

R. C. HILLMAN, Treasurer.

Receipts.

Cash on hand March 9, 1907	\$ 2679 99
Evangelist Reagay, burial lot	2 00
Nelson Carow, "	2 00
E. J. Coutie, "	2 00
John Coutie, "	2 00
State Treasurer, Supt. of Schools	200 00
Corporation Tax	787 49
National Bank Tax	305 25
State Aid	548 00
High School tuition	1037 25
Income of Mass. school fund	1229 99
Tuition of State children	82 00
Inspection of animals	36 00
Quintus Allen fund	175 00

J. M. LaChapelle, liquor license	\$ 250 00
S. Falls & Colrain St. R. R. Co.	1 25
Franklin District Court, fines returned	15 00
C. S. Richardson, " "	10 00
Town of Shelburne, tuition Bardwell school	163 25
County Treasurer, dog fund returned	113 30
S. Falls Nat. Bank, temporary loans	600 00
R. E. Purrington, butcher's license	1 00
A. H. Temple, tax collector 1907	10472 58
J. W. Cram, supplies sold	97
	\$ 18716 32

Expenditures.

Paid School Committee's orders	\$ 6312 76
Selectmen's orders	9385 18
Library Trustee's orders	177 78
Assessor's abatements	141 48
Balance on hand	2699 12
	\$ 18716 32

Town's Indebtedness.

Greenfield Savings Bank	\$ 1050 00
Shelburne Falls Savings Bank	1395 00
	\$ 2445 00

J. E. DAVENPORT, Treasurer.

COLRAIN, MASS., FEB. 11, 1908.

We have this day finished auditing the accounts of the Treasurer, and find proper vouchers for each payment and a balance on hand Feb. 1 as follows:

Franklin Co. Nat. Bank	\$ 1292 93
Shelburne Falls Nat. Bank	1355 19
Cash in hands of treasurer	51 00
Total	\$ 2699 12

GEORGE A. READ, }
R. C. HILLMAN, } Auditors.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

In account with the town of Colrain:—1907-1908.

DR.

Cash received from 98 licenses, male dogs	\$	196 00	
11 licenses, female dogs (spayed)		22 00	
5 licenses, female dogs		25 00	
		\$	243 00

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Paid County Treasurer	\$	220 20	
Clerk's fees		22 80	
		\$	243 00

J. E. DAVENPORT, Town Clerk.

COLRAIN, MASS., FEB. 11, 1908.

We have this day examined the accounts of the Town Clerk and find same correct.

GEORGE A. READ, }
R. C. HILLMAN, } Auditors.

Statistics From Town Clerk's Records.

Births recorded in the town of Colrain for the year 1907:—

Date	Name	Names of Parents
Jan. 6	Florence Margaret Boudry,	Willie and Rose
29	Edward F. Dobias,	John and Pauline
29	Marian Albena Stone,	Eli and Helen
Feb. 1	Alta Marjorie Herzig,	Joseph and Ida
12	Rudolph Villium Jurek,	Joseph and Mary
16	Orrin Amos Corey,	Amos and Annie

	23	Marshall Siduey Cromack,	Sidney and Anna
	27	Donald Gates Shearer,	John and Jennie
	28	Adelaid Fortin,	Joseph and Delina
Mar.	9	Alfred Darenno Archambo,	Felix and Maud
	11	Minnie Rose Vorau,	Felix and Sadie
	14	Cora Peters,	Herbert and Mary
	16	Luetta Viola Trumble,	Lewis and Rosa
Apr.	7	Elmer Farnum Clement,	Samuel and Emma
	14	Hazel Sarah Cobb,	Edwin and Caroline
	19	Roland Clifton Mather,	John and Gertrude
	29	Dorella Eleanor Lively,	Wilfred and Mary
May	11	Roster Richard Looman,	James and Martha
	15	Lua May Filion,	Filiase and Rose
	25	Etta May White,	Otis and Katie
	28	Lois Elizabeth Knights,	Henry and Sarah
	30	Emma Canda,	John and Philomene
June	2	Mabel May Billard,	Lewis and Ecina
	24	Louis Collassare,	Matt and Katie
July	15	Vivian Marguerite Howard,	Walter and Anna
Aug.	14	Sylvia Madeline Robedreau,	George and Ida
Sept.	2	Loretta Mabel Reil,	Edward and Laura
	9	Beatrice Ethel Robedreau,	Leonard and Clara
	9	Francis Wilfred Demarais,	Peter and Cordelia
	11	Glenn Theodore Brown,	Frank and Elsie
	14	Charles William Lemon,	Raymond and Susan
	16	Florence Blanche Miller,	Emory and Mary
Oct.	4	Viola Pearl Bernard,	Fred and Maggie
	9	Lora Vivian Tetreault,	Edward and Emma
	10	———Smith,	Allen and Mabel
	12	Eva Coutie,	Israel and Ora
	28	Reuben Call,	Byron and Alice
	29	James Leonard Revoir,	James and Mary
Nov.	7	———LaValley,	George and Rose
	11	Beatrice Louise Thompson,	Jacob and Agnes
	18	Marion Helen Temple,	Rosco and Gertie
	25	Louise Evelyn Root,	Herman and Edith
	30	Arthur F. Shippee,	Deane and Bertha
Dec.	7	Stella May Plant,	Francis and Malinda
	13	Leon Herbert Dunnell,	George and Grace
	16	Viola May Coburn,	David and Myra
	17	Bell Marion White,	Thomas and Mavie

Marriages recorded in the town of Colrain for the year 1907.

Date	Name	Residence	By Whom Married
Jan. 6	Fred Wells, Marrian Miller,	Conway, Colrain,	Rev. J. E. Dame
Jan. 7	Merritt E. Booth, Edith M. Phillips,	Colrain, Halifax, Vt.,	Rev. N. M. Caton
Jan. 21	George LaValley, Rose Lacombe,	Colrain, North Adams,	J. G. Bourassa Priest
Jan. 29	Ralph E. Bullard, Hazel L. Warner,	Holyoke, Colrain,	Rev. J. S. Lyons
Feb. 6	Edward Reil, Laura Lamoreux,	Colrain, Colrain,	Rev. J. D. Graham
Mar. 27	Horace Preston Smead, Margaret W. Stetson,	Greenfield, Colrain,	Rev. J. D. Graham
Mar. 28	Frederick N. Bowen, May Herzig,	Colrain, Colrain,	Rev. R. E. Hunt
Apr. 20	Edmond D. Thompson, Katherine L. Howard,	Colrain, Colrain,	Rev. C. O. Eames
Apr. 22	Joseph Cafarello, Lydia Carey,	Colrain, Colrain,	Rev. S. Nicholls
May 18	Alfred Nedo, Mary Baldue,	Colrain, Colrain,	Rev. J. D. Graham
June 3	Eugene Tetreault, Minnie Pereault,	S. Falls, Colrain,	Edw. L. Judge Priest
June 3	Mose Laforce, Rosie Coburn,	Colrain, Colrain,	P. F. Doyle Priest
June 26	Frank E. Herzig, Martha Kendrick,	Colrain, Colrain,	Rev. J. D. Graham
July 1	Peter J. Lucier, Philourene Vincent,	Colrain, Colrain,	P. F. Doyle Priest
July 6	George Perrault, Dalma Peltier,	Colrain, Colrain,	Edw. L. Judge Priest
Aug. 26	Alexander Vincent, Anna LaValley	S. Falls, Colrain,	Edw. L. Judge Priest
Sept. 4	James W. Cole, Jr., Laura G. McClellan,	Colrain, Colrain,	Rev. J. D. Graham
Sept. 10	William Galipo, Georgeanna Tatreault,	Colrain, Charlemont,	James P. Kerby Priest
Oct. 19	Farewell Bouker, Nellie G. C. Cary,	Buckland, Colrain,	Rev. S. Nicholls
Oct. 20	William LaPierre, May Peon,	Colrain, Heath,	Edw. L. Judge Priest

Nov. 7	Joseph Sturgeon,	Colrain,	Rev. J. D. Graham
	Delia Surprize,	Colrain,	
Nov. 28	Homer D. Miner,	Leyden,	Rev. W. E. Thompson
	Alice M. Williams,	Colrain,	
Dec. 25.	Orren D. Purington,	Prov., R. I.,	Rev. S. Nicholls
	Mary J. Mather,	Colrain	

Deaths recorded in the town of Colrain for the year 1907:—

Date	Name	Age	}			Place of Interment
			Years	Months	Days	
Jan. 5	Cleophas LaPierre,	70	5	23		Colrain
5	Dorothy Lively,	3	11	7		Colrain
13	Julia Fortin,	72	3	3		Colrain
14	Clarence A. Cusson		7	21		Colrain
Feb. 3	Edward Surprize,	44	9	5		Colrain
11	Nathaniel Harris,	76				Colrain
18	Harlow M. Peterson,	66	8	16		Colrain
Mar. 16	Mira Fairbanks,	80	4	28		Colrain
18	Earl W. Vivier,	2	8			Vermont
21	Arthur A. Smith,	65	3	2		Colrain
22	May A. McDonald,	21	7			Shelburne Falls
Apr. 2	Huldah J. Henshaw,	78	8	18		Colrain
6	Mary E. Smith,	69	3	7		Colrain
14	Mary E. Coutie,	4	9			Colrain
23	Elvira S. Noyes,	82	4	12		Colrain
29	Albena Reagoy,		2	19		Colrain
28	Mary A. Stewart,	70	6	28		Colrain
May 9	Nancy C. Briggs,	69	11	22		Colrain
21	Carrie M. Cobb,	37	8	6		Colrain
June 8	Mary C. Paradee,	43	4			Colrain
July 6	David M. Pierce,	64	8	15		Colrain
Aug. 8	Sarah E. Clark,	77	27			Colrain
21	Joel L. Clark,	69	3	7		Colrain
Oct. 10	———Smith,	0	0	0		Colrain
16	Etta May White,		4	22		Colrain
Nov. 7	———LaValley,	0	0	0		Shelburne Falls
26	Elizabeth S. Miller,	85	6			Colrain
30	Clara E. Coutie,	3	3			Colrain

Any error or omission will gladly be corrected if made known to the Town Clerk.

Respectfully,

J. E. DAVENPORT, Town Clerk.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

Highways and Bridges.

J. G. Galvin,	\$	10 70	H. B. Miller	\$	4 50
A. C. Smith,		5 25	H. C. Cromack,		6 00
Harry Bell,		6 00	J. R. Looman,		12 67
Elias Bardwell,		2 25	F. W. Purington,		7 11
Thomas Richards,		83 05	A. O. Davenport,		25 50
C. W. Hillman,		47 62	H. P. Larabee,		3 50
C. Finch,	155	10	C. L. Roberts,		6 19
A. A. Bell,		3 00	Carpenter & McDonald,		22 16
A. N. Carpenter,		26 40	M. B. Crosier,		15 70
Phoenix Roofing Co.,		60 00	G. P. Morton,		3 50
Carpenter Bros.,		5 00	M. A. Nelson,		12 60
Albert Herzig,		15 35	C. B. Dennison & Son,		23 25
Joe Jureck,		10 95	L. O. Davenport,		3 00
W. A. Barber,		20 60	W. Martin,		17 25
G. M. Maberry,		12 53	C. N. Carpenter,		3 80
Clinton D. Miner,		3 45	E. R. Cobb,		5 00
H. B. Gilderdale		7 97	R. C. Porter,		2 00
W. D. Smith,		26 00	F. L. Brown,		4 46
Noah Shambo		9 00	Wm. Stacy,		10 80
A. F. Smith,		23 34	E. M. Dwight,		116 00
Amos Stewart & Son,		6 61	Lively & Galipault,		18 00
H. J. Smith,	440	10	Joseph Lively,		15 00
A. B. Stetson,		3 15	C. M. Fairbanks,		7 77
Rudolph Herzig,		14 00	R. Lusher,		3 00
Walter Barnes,		4 00	U. R. Bridges,		8 50
H. A. Dwight,	24	20	C. F. White,		3 00
A. W. Hillman,		7 00	F. D. Thompson,		2 00
Geo. Starks,		1 35	G. A. Thompson,		3 00
H. R. Donelson,		9 63	L. W. Sumner,		36 91
Milo Thompson & Son,		3 00	Rob't Miller,		3 65
A. L. Fish,	13	25	J. B. Clark & Son,		50
E. Auger,		2 30	F. L. Kenderick,		44 48
Miner & White,		3 00	H. W. Thompson,		6 00

M. M. Johnson,	\$	15 75	W. H. Kemp,	\$	7 75
C. W. McGee,		1 05	C. W. Smith,		13 50
J. B. Cromack & Son,		7 00	Orson Call,		13 50
F. E. Cromack,		75	H. F. Purrington,		75
Marcy & Donelson,		50 46	R. M. Coombs,		2 10
G. D. Stetson & Son,		5 10	J. P. Sturtevant,		2 00
J. M. Shearer,		34 36	Geo. Pierce,		3 50
Total,				\$	1,679 52

Graveling North River Road.

R. E. Pray & Co.,	\$	16 80	H. B. Miller,	\$	32 50
H. R. Donelson,		5 25	Total,		
				\$	54 55

Snow Work.

J. H. Carr,	\$	4 35	F. W. Damon,	\$	3 00
John Dobias,		7 42	Albert Herzig,		12 50
E. H. Underwood,		13 53	J. R. Looman,		5 76
Stewart & Root,		4 50	Anthony Horan,		3 00
Lewis Root,		3 60	C. M. Fairbanks,		2 00
E. R. Cobb,		2 10	Miner & White,		1 20
Lively & Galipault,		1 75	J. B. Cromack & Son,		1 70
M. M. Johnson,		1 15	T. R. Shearer,		2 70
G. D. Stetson & Son,		2 40	Geo. Pierce,		5 00
J. M. Shearer,		1 50	C. W. Smith,		5 00
E. F. Copeland,		5 00	H. W. Thompson,		5 00
Total,				\$	94 16

Incidentals.

A. H. Temple,	\$	3 85	F. W. Purrington, book-		
			case,	\$	14 00
P. B. Murphy,		7 00	E. A. Hall & Co.,		13 50
Greenfield Recorder Co.,			C. B. Dennison & Son,		
printing town reports,		86 50	motor vehicles signs,		6 00
M. W. Mosely, repairs on road			J. E. Davenport, two lots		
scraper,		8 00	in West Branch Ceme-		
E. A. Hall & Co.,		8 50	tery,		20 00

Lewis E. Strawser,	\$ 1 00	Gazette & Courier,	\$ 1 00
Colrain fire district water rent	10 00	Smith & Hillman,	9 56
Shel. Falls & Colrain St. Ry.		Shel. Falls & Colrain St.	
Co., freight,	26 28	Ry. Co., material for	
Colrain Electric Light Co.,	5 00	elect. lights,	27 05
Cecil Bagnall,	4 96	W. S. Allard, repairs on	
H. B. Miller, insurance and		road scraper,	10 95
express,	17 50	L. H. Thompson, wood,	4 50
Shel. Falls & Colrain St.		R. M. Coombs,	1 90
Ry. Co.,	85	J. A. Mather, M. D.,	9 50
J. B. Clark & Son,	50	E. F. Haskins, court fees,	9 86
F. L. Kenderick,	6 50	Arthur B. Chapin, $\frac{1}{4}$ liq-	
H. W. Thompson,	40	uor license,	62 50
W. H. Kemp,	8 75	W. M. Smead, court fees,	2 15
J. W. Cram, M. D.,	7 50	A. F. Smith, court fees,	7 60
J. E Davenport, recording		W. A. Davenport,	62 00
deaths, births and mar-		Wm. A. Johnson, death re-	
riages,	40 98	turns, 1906,	5 00
		Total,	\$ 511 54

Old Bills.

A. E. Fairbanks, \$2 00	F. W. Purrington,	\$ 3 25
	Total,	\$ 5 25

Town Officers.

Paid A. H. Temple, tax collector,	\$ 135 00
Elias Bardwell, registrar,	8 00
R. C. Hillman, registrar,	5 00
R. C. Hillman, clerk and treasurer,	15 00
H. S. Meacham, inspector of meats,	48 00
C. N. Carpenter, sexton,	6 00
C. A. Stewart, ballot clerk,	2 00
G. N. Kelly, ballot clerk,	4 00
H. B. Miller, assessor,	50 00
H. B. Miller, teller clerk,	2 00
C. T. Avery, teller clerk,	2 00
C. N. Carpenter, constable,	11 00
M. M. Johnson, sexton,	4 00

A. R. Donelson, registrar,	\$ 10 00
J. M. Shearer, teller clerk,	2 00
J. C. Thompson, constable,	3 00
J. C. Thompson, auditor,	10 00
R. M. Coombs, assessor,	40 00
J. A. Mather, M. D., clerk of board of health,	10 00
J. W. Cram, M. D., school committee,	40 00
Elias Bardwell, registrar of 1906 and 1907,	8 00
J. E. Davenport, clerk and treasurer,	80 00
J. E. Davenport, registrar,	6 00
J. E. Davenport, sexton,	38 00
J. E. Davenport, school committee,	30 00
J. E. Davenport, moderator,	2 50
E. W. Coombs, school committee,	35 00
O. D. Kemp, sexton,	2 00
J. B. Clark & Son, hearsemen,	28 00
F. L. Kenderick, constable,	7 00
J. D. Gilchrist, inspector of meats,	125 00
H. W. Thompson, selectman and overseer of the poor,	75 00
W. H. Kemp, selectman, and overseer of the poor,	75 00
C. W. Smith, selectman and overseer of the poor,	\$ 75 00
	\$ 993 50

Town Debt and Interest.

Paid Greenfield Savings Bank, interest,	\$ 50 75
Shelburne Falls Savings Bank, interest,	93 75
Shelburne Falls National Bank, interest,	10 00
Shelburne Falls Savings Bank, town debt.	1,000 00
	\$ 1,154 50
Paid Shelburne Falls National Bank, temporary loan,	\$ 600 00
County tax,	1,378 38
State tax,	880 00
Colrain fire district,	359 79
Memorial Day,	50 00
State highway tax,	106 65

State aid,	\$ 618 00
Mosler Safe Co., new safe,	210 84
Soldiers' relief for town of Montague,	70 36

Resources of Town.

Due from State on account of State aid,	\$ 618 00	
Due Bay State Construction Co., use of motor,	45 00	
Due from Colrain Fire District,	54 03	
Due from State on account of inspection of animals,	37 50	
Due from town of Conway on account of Mrs. Marion Olbuc,	145 00	
Due from town of Montague on account of Sol- dier's Relief,	70 36	
Due from State on account of inspection of animals,	37 50	
		\$ 969 89

Recapitulation.

Amount Appropriated.		Amount Expended.
2000 \$1,600 00	Highways and Bridges,	\$ 1,679 52
200 00	Graveling North River Road,	54 55
100 00	Graveling Green River Road,	
1,000 00	Support of Poor,	872 64
600 00	State aid,	618 00
1,000 00	Town officers,	993 50
1,500 00	County tax,	1,378 38
800 00	State tax,	880 00
250 00	Town safe,	210 84
50 00	Memorial Day	50 00
110 00	State highway tax,	106 65
1,200 00	Town debt and interest,	1,154 50
350 00	Incidentals	506 54
150 00	Old bills,	5 25
	Soldier's relief,	70 36
	Temporary loan,	600 00
	Total,	\$ 9,566 32

Inventory of Tools.

One crusher elevator, two screens, electric motor,
 16 Shovels,
 4 Steel bars,
 6 Wheelbarrows,
 4 Hoes,
 6 Picks,
 1 Road machine,
 1 Log chain,
 Seals for weights and measures,
 3 Safes,
 1 Derrick,
 1 Plow,
 2 Hand scrapers,
 2 Book cases.

We would recommend the following appropriations for 1908:

Highways and bridges,	2 000	\$ 2,000 00
Support of Poor,	800	800 00
State highway tax,	1 10	110 00
Town officers,	1 000	1,000 00
County tax,	1 400	1,400 00
State tax,	900	900 00
Town debt,	1 000	1,000 00
Interest,	150	150 00
Old bills,	100	100 00
Memorial Day,	50	50 00
Incidentals,	500	500 00
State aid,	700	700 00

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. THOMPSON,	}	Selectmen of Colrain.
W. H. KEMP,		
C. W. SMITH,		

COLRAIN, MASS., FEB. 11, 1908.

In examining the accounts and comparing receipts with orders given by the selectmen we find a considerable number of orders given for which no receipts have been received, and think greater care should be taken that each order has a proper voucher.

GEORGE A. READ,	}	Auditors.
R. C. HILLMAN,		

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Daniel M. Cary, Jr.:—		
Paid Town of Leyden,	\$ 59 00	
A. S. Newcomb,	2 00	
C. A. Dennison,	2 00	
F. E. Whitney,	7 00	
A. W. Green,	28 00	
Dr. J. W. Cram,	4 80	
	<u> </u>	\$ 102 80
Mrs. Wm. Fisher:—		
Paid Town of Lowell,	\$ 23 75	
	<u> </u>	\$ 23 75
Frank E. Southworth:—		
Paid Geo. W. Warner,	\$ 208 00	
Dr. J. W. Cram,	1 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 209 00
Nathaniel Harris:—		
Paid Geo. W. Warner,	\$ 11 00	
Wm. A. Johnson,	30 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 41 00
Marion Olbuc, belongs to Conway:—		
Paid Dennison & Smith,	\$ 145 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 145 00
Fred Vincent:—		
Paid Dennison & Smith,	\$ 92 00	
Dr. J. W. Cram,	2 40	
	<u> </u>	\$ 94 40
Mrs. Geo. W. Streeter:—		
Paid Town of Greenfield,	\$ 112 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 112 00

Mrs. Mary Johnson:—

Paid Dr. J. W. Mather,	\$ 3 00	
		\$ 3 00

Mrs. Daniel Cary:—

Paid Dr. J. W. Cram,	\$ 51 02	
		\$ 51 20

Mrs. Henry Miller:—

Paid Dr. J. W. Cram,	\$ 3 00	
		\$ 3 00

Jacob Thompson:—

Paid Dr. J. W. Cram,	\$ 10 63	
		\$ 10 63

Mrs. H. M. Underwood:—

Paid Dr. J. W. Cram,	\$ 1 50	
		\$1 50

Total for support of poor,		\$ 799 28
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Respectfully submitted,

H. W. THOMPSON,	}	Overseers of Poor.
W. H. KEMP,		
C. W. SMITH,		

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

COMPLETE LIST OF TAXABLE PROPERTY MAY 1, 1907.

	Personal.	Real		Personal.	Real
Avery, C. T.	\$ 755	\$ 2800	Apt, W. H.	\$ 545	\$ 2050
Ashton, A. J.	95	1200	Auger, E. P.	75	500
Alexander, E. S.	85		Avery, F. M.	555	1800
Allard, W. S.	300	2080	Ariel, H. E.		600
Archambo, Noah	420	1000	Brigham, C. L.	465	2300
Bardwell, Elias	280	1500	Browning, H. S.	715	2475
Bridges, W. R.	620	1550	Brown, O. M.	695	2100
Booth, Nora E.		600	Booth, E. B.	90	900
Brigham, F. L.	650	1475	Burrington, E. J.		750
Bushey, Henry		540	Ballard, J. W.	385	
Bardwell, W. H.	530	1925	Bernard, Fred		300
Brown, F. L.	745	1490	Bennett, Jos.	55	755
Babbitt, M. I.	150	100	Bell, Harry		500
Bell, Ida	75		Burrington, J. W.		800
Brown, F. A.	1345	765	Barrus, W. E.	480	1100
Bowen, F. N.	40		Bowen, J. E.	270	950
Buldoic, L. & Son	620	700	Bell, Mrs. J. A.		525
Buck, A. S.		250	Baptist Society		1000
Caton, N. M.	150		Carpenter &		
Contin & Gallipo	75	1500	McDonald	2035	
Clement, Samuel	150		Coombs, C. S.	1370	2975
Cromack, H. C.	680	1700	Carpenter, J. W.	480	960
Carpenter, A. N.	100		Cary, Amos	140	900
Cobb, E. R.	375		Clark, Edward	855	1400
Carr, Jas. H.	245	335	Churchill, F. A.	300	450
Crosier, Robbin	170		Crosier, M. B.	300	800
Cram, J. W.	450	2550	Cary, W. W. & Son	2030	3050
Cary, W. W.	300	2925	Clark, J. B. & Son	615	1700
Cromack, J. B. & Son	1015	3250	Carpenter, C. N.	160	1850
Call, Orson B.	235	875	Call, Mrs. H. M.	340	750

Call, W. E.	\$ 30	\$ 350	Cromack, C. H.	\$ 170	\$ 875
Coburn, Moses	330	1150	Call, B. L.	245	1250
Cary Daniel,	20	300	Cromack, F. E.	345	1130
Cromack, A. B.	670	2200	Cole, J. N.		1000
Copeland, E. F.	1175	3300	Carpenter, W. S.	125	950
Corless, Matt	375	525	Coombs, R. M.	1110	3800
Coburn, Benj.		100	Coburn, Noah		225
Coombs, E. W. & Son	350	1950	Cobb, Mrs. Sarah C.		250
Cong. Society		1000	Churchill, Mrs. H.		
Davenport, J. E.	1085	3100	S. Estate		500
Davenport, A. O.	120	1125	Davenport, W. H.	375	800
Dwight, H. A.	595	1850	Davenport, L. O.	190	265
Dexter, Hoyt		1375	Dunnells, F. A.	600	1550
Dunnells, G. O.	445	1300	Donelson, W. H.		1050
Dennison, H. H.		800	Donelson, C. L.	1050	3500
Donelson, Mrs. A.		750	Donelson, H. R.	780	2400
Damon, F. W.	75	560	Dwight, E. M.	770	3000
Day, S. N.	95	700	Dewey, Henry		675
Dennison, C. B. & Son	520	500	Dennison & Smith	4250	
Dennison, Eugene		75	Dobias, John	300	800
Davenport, Mrs. S. G.		425	Fairbanks, C. M.	650	1255
Fairbanks, F. S.	285	500	Fish, A. L. and		
Fairbanks, O. R.	155	1290	Mrs. Nichols	735	400
Fortine, Henry	440	1600	Finck, H. C.	870	1325
Faulkner, L. W.	75	600	Field, F. S.	240	
Fairbanks, L. A.	125		Fairbanks, L. W.		1000
Gilderdale, H. B.	90		Gallipo, Frank	325	850
Graham, J. D.	120		Galvin, Jas. A.	1000	3325
Gilchrest, J. D.	50		Gunn, C. F.	540	2400
Griswold, Lorenzo	7075		Griswold Mfg. Co.	67225	60850
Hillman, C. W.	445	760	Herzig, Rudolph	340	1400
Herzig, Albert	400	500	Hager, L. S.	335	550
Hathaway, G. E.		600	Herzig, Benj.		425
Herzig, Phillip	70	500	Howard, J. H.	590	1800
Hillman, Alfred	570	2825	Howard, H. A.	185	
Hinsdale, Ariel.	210	1400	Houghtaling, C. G.		600
Harris, M. S.	50	2500	Harris, Seymour	75	
Horan, Anthony	110	250	Harris, L. D.	290	600
Herzig, Frank		50	Herzig & Looman,	65	650
Jurik, Jos.	460	1075	Johnson, S. B.	380	1200
Johnson, E. M.	415	2180	Joy, I. N.	90	800

Jeffords, F. W.	\$ 75		Kemp, W. H.	\$ 1195	\$ 3550
Kemp, O. D.	590	\$ 100	Kemp, Percy	50	
Kelly, Walter	55	450	Knight, H. G.	430	2350
Kendrick, Mrs. Martha		180	Kendrick, F. L.	1050	3510
Lively & Gallipo,	545	900	Luescher, Rudolph	290	1760
Larrabee, H. P.	550	950	Lynde, G. D.	255	675
Lynde, C. H.	75		Lively, Jos. Jr.	870	1900
Lusty, C. F.	355	1125	Lusty, David	30	725
Looman, Michael	105	1000	Laplant, Henry	30	
Lachapelle, Jos. M.	835	5500	Lavalley, Jos. Heirs		150
Looman, Thos.	125	150	Lamorie, Nelson		575
Looman, P. B.	500	1510	Lively, Jos. Sr.	345	900
Looman, Jas. R.	415	900	Morrison, Alex.	45	1300
Miller & Hale,	360	600	Miller, Loyd	460	1600
McGee, C. W.	290	850	Miner, J. N.	195	
Morton, G. P.	410	1400	Maberry, G. T.	260	1975
Martin, R. E.	465	1370	Miner & White	990	1950
Martin, Wm.	545	200	Meacham, H. S.	300	
McClellan, Mrs. Jas.		1000	Moore, C. A.	205	1100
McClellan, G. E.	190		Miner, C. D.	235	1400
McCloud, F. A.	260	1325	Mathys, Geo.	100	
Miner, J. C.	60	400	Miller, Robt.	345	2010
Mono, Amos		550	Miller, H. B.	730	1875
McGee, C. C.	175		McGee, E. S. Heirs		750
Marcy, C. A.	1075	4230	Merrifield, F. L.	1365	3085
Maxam, C. W.	285	1115	Mather, J. A.	245	1950
M. E. Society,		1000	Marcy, Donelson,		
Massaemet Yarn			Marcy & Carter,	9175	3090
Mills,	11800	14680	Nelson, Mrs. M. E.	310	550
Noyes, C. D.	1290	3450	Nichols, O. F.	135	300
Nichols, M. O.	665	1300	O'Brien, Thos.	320	2200
Purrington, Nelson	795	1700	Peters, Herbert	60	700
Pelchie, E.	195		Patterson, G. R.	65	
Purrington, H. F.	170		Purrington, Mrs. H. F.		920
Purrington, R. E.	740	2100	Peterson, H. M. Estate		1200
Pitt, G. W.	175	1500	Purrington, F. W.	1140	4375
Porter, R. C.	200	625	Purrington, Jesse	165	
Pierce, G. L.	730	2200	Peterson, M. L.	605	1700
Pierce, D. M.	340	1300	Purrington, F. L.	120	
Pike, Mrs. Maria, Es-			Patterson, Miss Mary		100
tate		350	Payant, A.	30	

Purrington, Geo. R.	\$ 180		Parker, E. J.	\$ 190	\$ 950
Roberts, C. L.	290	\$1480	Revoir, Peter	85	
Reed, Mrs. Augusta		1200	Root, Louis		225
Reil, Fred	390	900	Roberts, J. H.	175	
Reil, Overly,		700	Russell, Mrs. Mary	1000	
Russell, C. J.	75		Russell, Mrs. Bertha		750
Russell, Miss Nettie		800	Richard, Thos.	175	550
Smith & Hillman,	2800	1675	Smith, J. H.	475	2800
Smead, Thos.	525	2450	Sessler, Wm.	400	1150
Stuart, A. & Son	570	1600	Stuart & Root,	980	2350
Shuman, J. P.	155	525	Stone, Eli		650
Shearer, J. E.	180		Schutellee, G.	30	450
Shaw, Miss Kate		500	Smith, A. F.	100	
Smith, C. W.	985	4050	Smith, E. C. & Son	90	1350
Smith, W. D.	50		Stuart, E. B.	525	3225
Shearer, J. M.	880	1100	Smith, C. A.	125	1075
Scott, H. O. & Son,	216	5200	Stacy, Wm.	125	800
Sturtevant, J. P.		975	Starkey, F. A.	320	400
Smith, A. C.		2350	Stone, Samuel	205	1400
Smith, E. B.	95	1625	Stetson, G. D. &		
Stetson, A. B.	580	1400	Son	700	2625
Smith, W. W.	180		Smith, C. W.	950	4125
Spurr, Mrs. A.		1295	Stone, Moses		340
Shelburne Falls &			Thompson, J. W.	180	
Colrain St. Ry. Co.		4800	Thompson, Miss Jane		500
Thompson, L. H.	760	1600	Thompson, M. &		
Thompson, F. M.	275	1800	Son	600	2200
Taylor, O. H.	185	725	Thomas, L. L. &		
Thompson, H. W.	1045	1600	Miss Julia	600	685
Temple, S. E.	1100	3700	Temple, A. H. &		
Tinkham, J.	30	1000	Son	90	1400
Thompson, F. D.	305	1100	Thompson, G. A.	300	1200
Tetreault, W. E.	275	1300	Underwood, E. H.	315	600
Williams, T. D.	155	1500	Williams, Mrs. Cora		200
Wheeler, S. W. Estate	75	3950	Warner, G. W.	855	2300
West, Geo.	400		White, C. & Son	775	2000
White, G. F.	250		White, L. Estate		475
Yattaw, Chas.	40		York, Luther	30	400
York, Herman J.	70	500	Zraning, Jos.	30	450

Non-Residents.

Personal. Real		Personal. Real	
Allen, Sylvanus, Shelburne	\$ 1300	Barber, Matthew, Gfld.	\$ 1000
Billings, Mrs. Abbie, No. Adams	500	Ballou, Francis, Gfld.	75
Crafts, C. H., No. Hatfield	75	Barber, W. A., Leyden	150
Clouchie, A. J., Gfld.	325	Burnham, F., Gfld.	300
Darling, W. W., Rowe	150	Clapp, J. W., Deerfield	800
Davenport, W. W., Gfld.	1125	Davenport, F. N., Heath	200
Gerrett, Mrs. Frank, Gfld.	500	Dennison, A. J., Leyden	175
Guguan, John, Ashfield	550	Graves, A. T., Gfld.	400
Hobert, E. D., Amherst	500	Hunter, Dr. R. W., Gfld.	100
Johnson, Lewis Heirs, Charlemont	700	Hanforth, Henry Est., Gfld.	600
Kinsman, W. E., Heath	300	Johnson, A. C., Charlemont	260
Lowe, I. A., Gardner	170 1800	Jeffords, Chas., Gfld.	250
Loomis, A. D., Amherst	500	Kemp, Horace, Leyden	40
Lynde Bros., W. Leyden	60	Laplant, Mrs. Addie,	
Leach, Whitman, Charlemont	500	Pelham	400
Nelson, A. C., Gfld.	1200	Long, S. M. Estate, Shelburne	500
Purrington, M. S. & Son, Buckland	300	O'Brien, D. G., Gfld.	200
Robinson, Mrs. C. H., New York City	565 1000	Powling, A. W., Gfld.	700
Richmond, Lorenzo, East Charlemont	350	Purrington, O. D., Worcester	285 2800
Shearer, T. R., Shelburne	1850	Richmond, A. Estate, East Charlemont	350
Steele, G., S. Falls	70	Snow, Chas. Heirs, Gfld.	150
Shaw, Elijah, S. Falls	125	Shearer, Mrs. H. S., Shirley	225
Tube, Thos., S. Falls	50	Stanton, Frank, Gfld.	270
Van Vaulkenberg, Gfld.	100	Sessler, Frederick, Gfld.	500
Ware, E. B., S. Falls	500	Upton, Fred, No. Heath	250
Yell, Paul, S. Falls	150	Worden, Chas., Halifax, Vt.	190 375
		Upton, Frank, Halifax Vt.	650

Table of Aggregates.

Number of polls assessed,	454
Residents assessed on property,	307
Non-residents assessed on property,	52
Horses assessed,	427
Cows assessed,	871
Sheep assessed	1303
Neat cattle assessed	624
Swine assessed,	126
Dwelling houses assessed,	336
Value of personal estate,	\$199,415 00
Value of real estate,	429,050 00
Total valuation,	\$628,465 00
Rate: \$16 00 per \$1,000 00	
Total tax,	\$10,963 44
Fire tax,	359 79

JOHN E. BOWEN, CHAIRMAN,
ROBERT M. COOMBS, CLERK,
HUGH B. MILLER,
ASSESSORS.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

TO THE CITIZENS OF COLRAIN:

Four cases of diphtheria and two cases of typhoid fever have been reported to the Board during the year. In each case a rigid quarantine was enforced, followed by a thorough fumigation and disinfection, with the result that no spread of the disease occurred.

There was several reports of unsanitary conditions in the form of outhouses and dead animals not being properly taken care of, which were corrected on notice from the Board. Two reports of dead animals being thrown into the rivers were received. This is unlawful, as may not be generally known, and is punishable by a fine, as is the deposit of any refuse which may collect on the banks and make a nuisance.

Our mills were inspected by an agent of the State Board of Health and were reported in good sanitary condition.

A new law was passed in 1907 requiring all mills to have an emergency case in their offices for the proper and expeditious care of injuries from accidents, and the larger mills have complied.

We take this opportunity of calling your attention to the following section as amended by chapter 480 of the Acts of the year 1907. Section 49. "A householder who knows that a person in his family is sick of smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever or any other infectious or contagious disease declared by the State Board of Health to be dangerous to the public health shall forthwith give notice thereof to the board of health of the city or town in which he dwells. Upon the death, recovery or removal

of such person, the householder shall disinfect to the satisfaction of the board of health such rooms of his house and articles therein, as in the opinion of the board, have been exposed to infection or contagion. Should one or both eyes of an infant become inflamed, swollen and red, and show an unnatural discharge at any time within two weeks after birth, it shall be the duty of the nurse, relative or other attendant having charge of such infant to report in writing within six hours thereafter, to the board of health of a city or town in which the parents of the infant reside, the fact that such inflammation, swelling and redness of the eyes and unnatural discharge exists. On receipt of such report, or of notice of the same symptoms given by a physician as provided by the following section, the board of health shall take such immediate action as it may deem necessary in order that blindness may be prevented. Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars."

The following diseases were declared dangerous to the public health by the State Board of Health, August 1, 1907. Actinomycosis, Asiatic Cholera, Cerebro-spinal meningitis, Diphtheria, Glanders, Leprosy, Malignant pustule, Measles, Scarlet fever, Smallpox, Tetanus, Trichinosis, Tuberculosis, Typhoid fever, Typhus fever, Varicella, Whooping cough and Yellow fever.

J. A. MATHER, M. D., Sec. of the Board of Health.

ANNUAL REPORT

— OF THE —

School Committee

— OF THE —

TOWN OF COLRAIN

— FOR THE —

Year Ending Feb. 1, 1908



1908
STETSON'S ELECTRIC PRINT,
GREENFIELD, MASS.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1908-09.

SPRING TERM.—Begins March 30; ends June 19.

FALL TERM.—Begins Aug. 31; ends Dec. 18.

In the following schools the term will begin Aug. 24:
Christian Hill, Wilson Hill.

WINTER TERM.—Begins Jan. 4; ends Feb. 26.

VACATION.—Dec. 19 to Jan. 4.

HOLIDAYS.—Patriot's Day, Thanksgiving Day and the day
following, Labor Day, Feb. 22.

School Committee.

EDWIN W. COOMBS, Chairman,
JONATHAN E. DAVENPORT,
JOHN W. CRAM, Secretary,
AUSTIN R. PAULL, Superintendent.

Truant Officer.

FRED L. KENDRICK.

School Physician.

JOHN W. CRAM, M. D.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FELLOW CITIZENS:

We have the honour to present the following report for the school year ending Feb. 1st 1908.

The schools have cost \$7470 00 for the year. \$4800 00 of which was appropriated by the town, the balance coming from other sources.

Of this \$7470 00 we have paid for teachers \$4511 00. Under the existing conditions last fall, we felt it advisable to reopen the Spurr and Brick schools which makes fifteen schools that we are now running. With this number of schools to maintain we find it difficult to get competent teachers at the prices we can pay and keep within the appropriation.

We wish to especially call your attention to that part of the report of the superintendent relating to the school house in Griswoldville, and ask you to take action at this annual meeting toward relieving the present condition.

One year ago there was a balance of \$1139 10 in the treasury to our credit. This year there is \$1470 67, but from this should be deducted about \$300 00 for tuition due Arms Academy for the winter term, in comparing the amount to our credit now with that of a year ago.

We would recommend for the coming year an appropriation of \$4700 00 for schools, \$300 00 for school Superintendent and \$50 00 for school Physician.

Financial Statement.

RESOURCES.

Town appropriation for schools,	\$ 4500 00
Town appropriation for School Superintendent,	300 00
Received from Quintus Allen fund,	175 00
Received from Mass. school fund,	1229 99
Received from Mass. rebate on account of Superintendent of schools,	200 00
Received from Mass. for High School tuition,	1037 25
Received from dog fund,	113 30
Received tuition from Shelburne,	163 25
Received tuition of State wards,	82 00
Received from sale of supplies,	97
Balance on hand Feb. 1st 1907,	1139 10
	\$ 8940 86

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Teachers,	\$ 4511 06
Transportation,	595 55
Supplies,	457 52
Repairs,	247 81
Fuel,	197 27
Incidentals,	85 11
Cleaning and care of school rooms,	158 12
High school tuition,	728 25
Superintendent of schools,	462 50
Truant officers,	12 00
School physician,	15 00
	\$ 7470 19
Balance in treasury, Feb. 1st 1908,	\$ 1470 67

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

Paid Clara M. Smith,	\$ 92 00
Edith M. Smith,	197 00
Laura E. Hite,	99 00
Mildred M. Wood,	58 00

Ida G. Bacon,	\$ 124 20
Della M. Clark,	130 00
Ella M. Stetson,	147 00
Alice M. Stetson,	136 50
May C. Monahan,	130 00
Ellen J. Temple,	120 00
Abbie M. Wetmore,	72 00
Mary H. Jennings,	72 00
Edna A. Davenport,	104 00
Fannie S. Shaw,	96 00
Josephine S. Griswold,	18 00
Laurie F. Wetmore,	343 00
Ruth Purrington,	74 36
Martha S. Lane,	45 00
Gladys P. Pierce,	136 00
Myra L. Hillman,	351 00
Florence L. Thompson,	270 00
Laura E. Braley,	144 50
Feodore Nicholls,	34 00
Alice M. Thompson,	334 50
Nettie M. Canedy,	292 00
Bessie M. Kemp,	136 00
Katherine E. Burke,	296 00
Louise M. Sessler,	279 00
C. L. Brigham,	180 00
	\$ 4511 06

TRANSPORTATION.

Paid Olive Nichols,	\$ 96 00
Amos Cary,	24 80
E. Auger,	93 75
W. R. Bridges,	192 00
Frank Galipault,	103 00
Alice M. Thompson,	24 00
Amos Moro,	62 00
	\$ 595 55

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION.

Paid Arms Academy,	\$ 636 00
Greenfield High School,	87 00
Northfield High School,	5 25
	\$ 728 25

FUEL.

Paid Harry Bell,	\$	21	39	
T. R. Shearer,		3	50	
E. Auger,		5	00	
Joseph Jurik,		25	00	
A. B. Stetson,		23	26	
E. R. Cobb,		7	50	
William Martin,		10	00	
C. J. Moore,		18	00	
George Mathys,		9	50	
H. S. Browning,		4	00	
Frank Herzig,		6	00	
J. M. Shearer,		4	13	
J. E. Davenport,			50	
F. L. Kendrick,		14	62	
			\$	197 27

REPAIRS.

Paid Phoenix Roofing Co.,	\$	3	30	
A. R. Dennison,		144	69	
E. W. Coombs,		43	00	
W. S. Carpenter,		34	13	
C. N. Carpenter,		3	00	
Eli Stone,		5	00	
Carpenter & McDonald,		4	85	
C. W. Hillman,			75	
J. W. Cram,		1	03	
J. E. Davenport,			25	
Smith & Hillman,		3	56	
F. L. Kendrick,		4	25	
			\$	247 81

INCIDENTALS.

Paid Katherine E. Burke,	\$	45	
Louise M. Sessler,		35	
Laurie F. Wetmore,		1	50
Carpenter & McDonald,		27	76
C. W. Hillman,		1	10
William Martin,		1	25
J. W. Cram,		4	56
Dennison & Smith,		6	95

J. E. Davenport,	\$	57	
H. S. Swan Co.,		2 70	
Smith & Hillman,		1 35	
C. P. Hall,		33 97	
James Carr,		2 50	
		\$	85 01

SUPPLIES.

Paid C. P. Hall,	\$	388 15	
Edward E. Babb & Co.,		69 37	
		\$	457 52

JANITOR WORK.

Paid Flora Bell,	\$	5 70	
Laura E. Braley,		8 71	
Mildred Starkey,		2 40	
Ida Belliel,		2 40	
E. Caovette,		1 20	
Hazel Revoir,		2 40	
Jesse Joy,		2 40	
Frank Whitman,		3 60	
Nettie M. Canedy,		3 60	
Homer G. Knight,		6 61	
Eva Rabedeau,		3 30	
Walter Herzig,		3 60	
Katherine E. Burke,		9 20	
H. M. Kemp,		6 00	
Alice M. Thompson,		2 40	
E. R. Cobb,		3 80	
Ed. McDonald,		80	
Mrs. I. N. Joy,		5 00	
Mrs. Harry Bell,		10 00	
J. W. Cram,		50	
Milton Brown,		1 60	
Mrs. J. H. Deslongchamps,		2 75	
Mrs. Mary Bresette,		4 00	
Mrs. E. Peters,		2 50	
John Finck,		1 80	
Fannie Shaw,		9 40	
Nelson Joy,		1 80	
Ruth LaCross,		1 20	

Lillian Beaudry,	\$	1 20
Fred Herzig,		4 80
Leafie Crosier,		1 20
Louise M. Sessler,		8 00
Dorothy Warner,		1 40
Joe Jurik,		2 00
Gottfried Schechterle,		8 55
Edith M. Smith,		4 20
James Looman,		1 50
Charlie Martin,		1 00
Mary Belliel,		1 20
Nora Herzig,		1 20
Evelyn Mathys,		1 20
Frank Richards,		1 20
Earl R. Looman,		2 40
		\$ 158 12

TRUANT OFFICER.

Paid F. L. Kendrick, \$ 12 00

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

Paid J. W. Cram. \$ 15 00

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid C. P. Hall, \$ 412 50
A. R. Paull, 25 00

\$ 437 50

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN W. COOMBS,
JONATHAN E. DAVENPORT, } School
JOHN W. CRAM, } Committee of
Colrain.

COLRAIN, MASS., FEB. 11, 1908.

We find the accounts of the School Committee correct and vouchers received for all orders given, with the exception of the orders given the teachers, for which receipts have not been given in previous years, but which we think should be given in all cases.

GEORGE A. READ, }
R. C. HILLMAN, } Auditors.

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 1907.

SCHOOLS	TEACHERS	Terms	Wages per Month	Whole Number Enrolled		Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent of Attendance	Days of Absence	Tardiness	Dismissed
				Boys	Girls						
Adamsville, Bardwell, Center.	Nettie M. Canedy,	3	\$30 00	8	5	14.3	13.6	95.4	108	29	11
	Katherine E. Burke,	3	32 00	14	5	16.4	14.6	88.8	218	152	7
	Laura E. Braley,	3	34 00	18	19	34.3	31.6	91.9	560	153	23
	Feodore Nicholls,	3	8 00								
Christian Hill, Churchill, Elm Grove, Foundry Grammar Foundry Primary, Four Corners, Griswoldville Grammar,	Edna A. Davenport,	3	26 00	12	7	14.4	12.4	86.7	302	63	11
	Josephine A. Griswold,	2	24 00	5	5	8.7	7.7	88.4	124	8	2
	Alice M. Thompson,	3	34 00	16	11	23.9	21.1	88.6	449	107	16
	Myra L. Hillman,	3	36 00	16	11	22.6	21.3	94.3	250	44	21
	Florence L. Thompson,	3	36 00	25	21	34.6	31.0	89.4	626	54	24
	Louise M. Sessler,	3	28 00	5	9	14.3	12.8	89.8	256	180	10
	Martha L. Lane,	2	36 00	18	13	25.0	21.3	85.2	620	197	31
	Clara M. Smith, }	1	40 00								
Griswoldville Primary, Shattuckville,	Edith M. Smith,	3	36 00	21	11	29.8	26.4	88.6	573	168	1
	Gladys P. Pierce,	3	32 00	15	19	30.6	29.1	95.0	274	63	65
	Laurie F. Wetmore,	3	36 00								
	Ruth Purrington,	3	8 00								
South, Wilson Hill.	Bessie M. Kemp,	3	34 00	13	14	23.5	21.7	92.3	317	65	1
	Fannie S. Shaw,	3	26 00	4	5	7.1	6.2	87.6	152	46	3
Totals,				190	155	299.6	271.2	90.1	4829	1329	226

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF COLRAIN:—

I have the honor to submit to you and through you to the citizens of Colrain my first report as superintendent of schools.

Manifestly my report must differ somewhat from what it would have been had my term of service extended over the entire time covered by the report presented.

Coming to you as I did, and commencing my work when the plans of the year were well made, and the year itself almost half gone, it has been my task to study, so far as I have been able, what had been done, and what was planned to be done for the remainder of the year, that as soon as possible I might catch the spirit of things and become an organic part of the school whole.

A school is quite a complex object, for it includes teachers, pupils, parents, officers, tax payers, funds, houses, apparatus. To get results of the kind desired there must be harmony in all of these, for the school is an organic process, and there must be harmony in an organism if we are to expect desired results.

The funds, houses and apparatus are within the control of the tax payers, and are just what they will them to be. So with the officers. If they are not accomplishing good results with good appliances, it is the prerogative of their creators to see that those are placed in office who will make better use of the means furnished.

There should be perfect harmony between the school and the parent, and a more sympathetic understanding than sometimes exists. We believe that on the whole harmony does exist in our school system.

It is very apparent that the work of my predecessor in this office has resulted in developing a healthy school organism, in which there is perfect confidence of one member in the other, and the desire on the part of each to do his or her particular work.

His years of experience, added to his natural ability, fitted him in large measure to succeed. And he certainly did succeed, as the excellent condition in which he left the schools testifies.

It will be my policy to carry out a large part of the plans he had in operation, and only gradually to introduce anything which would seem to be an innovation.

As we conceive the work of the superintendent, it is his business to get such a clear view of both teacher and pupil, that he can by direction, by suggestion, by direct and indirect help, bring it to pass that each shall be the complement of the other. Thus will harmony result at the center of the school organism, and this will work out to the circumference; so will the school become a perfect organism, bringing forth the highest and best results conceivable.

This ideal of the position and the work of the superintendent is that which will guide us as we go on in the work of the schools, and in the doing of this work we shall seek to establish the best of relations with all parties concerned. Our purpose is that our schools shall be as good as the best, and to the accomplishment of this purpose we shall devote all our time and energy. To make sure of success in this object we bespeak your sympathetic cooperation.

Teachers.

Three quarters of the value of a term of school depends upon the teachers who conduct the exercises. If to rub

against college walls is a liberal education, the importance of coming daily in contact with a wise, true man or woman as teacher, must be infinitely greater. This is recognized in various ways. In later life successful men refer to the influence of their teachers in shaping their life courses, much oftener than they do to fine buildings, or fine equipment, or any of these material things. The fine buildings and the extensive equipment are good, and to a certain extent necessary. But without the personality of the teacher to impress itself upon the student and to form the character while it is firing the mind and arousing the ambition and informing the mind, these other things are of not much value.

The problem of securing the right kind of teachers is one that disturbs the superintendent more than any other at the present time. The difficulty is a double one. In the first place it is not easy to find the kind of teachers which every one desires. Teachers who are well-trained, alert, attractive, and who have had experience. And in the second place, when one has found such a teacher the problem immediately arises as to how to keep her. For she is in demand, and either through the activity of some agency, or the energy and persistence of some other superintendent, she goes quickly to some more attractive position.

There is prevalent an impression that it takes but little skill to manage and to teach a rural school, compared with that which is necessary in large graded schools in villages. This we do not believe to be the fact. To be sure the number of pupils in the rural schools may be smaller, but the number of grades and classes, and the consequent range of studies taught is much greater. This means that it requires more skill and a higher order of teaching ability, and more power in school management, to do really successful work in the rural school, than in the village school.

We believe that this should be taken into account, and that our citizens who have friends who desire to teach should not urge their candidacy on the school officials on the ground that these schools are easy, unless those recommended are really skillful teachers.

We believe also that the same fact should be taken into account in the adjustment of salaries, that if possible we may hold some of the good teachers in the less desirable schools.

This matter of the salaries of teachers is one which should be considered at once, and some advance should be made. The majority of the salaries of the teachers of Colrain are too low, and if any teacher is not worth more than she is receiving she should not be re-elected.

There is a pronounced tendency in most places, and presumably it is to be found here, to blame the teacher for everything. The morals of the boys and girls as shown by their actions on the streets, their lapses from correct English, both spoken and written, these and many other things of like nature are laid at the threshold of the teacher. But she is not wholly to blame.

There are many outside influences which parents allow to enter into the lives of the boys and girls and which are immediately apparent in their school work, and which handicap the teacher in her efforts. When boys and girls spend their time in the evening on the streets, or in places of amusement, their school work suffers, and too often the teacher is blamed if she tries to lift the individual pupil up to standard.

It is easy to judge from a study of the pupils in our schools what are the influences, and what is the atmosphere of the home life. With many it is apparent that the home holds up the school as of chief importance in the growing life of the child, and that the teacher is given that moral

support in the home without which she cannot do her best work. With others it is apparent, from irregular attendance, and general lack of ambition, and a spirit of indifference, that the home does not magnify the school, and the teacher is thereby limited in her power to accomplish the desired results for the individual.

I plead with you to give our teachers your sympathy and your support. A very large part of the criticism of parents concerning the methods and management of the teacher is due to a failure to understand what is being done. It is like forming an opinion of a large plan from seeing only a detail.

Will you seek to understand what our teachers are doing, and what they are trying to do, and by your sympathy and help at home, and your frequent presence at the school, give them a real help?

The Course of Study.

My predecessor left the schools working according to a carefully planned course of study. This course bears evidences of being the product of faithful work and careful thought, and is decidedly well-balanced and adapted to the conditions under which our schools are working. Having carefully in mind the real needs of the pupils, it neither spends too much time on the so-called culture subjects, nor on those which are more decidedly utilitarian.

The elementary and secondary schools have a double function. They are for some, schools of preparation for college or technical schools, and for others immediate preparation for life. With the raising of the standards for admission to the colleges, it is becoming increasingly difficult to do all that should be done for both of these classes of people in the same school at the same time. It is this difficulty which has led to the present agitation for

separate high schools for industrial training. If there is need for separate high schools, there is need also for separate grade schools to fit the pupils for the separate high schools.

We believe, however, that in the ordinary community all the work should be done in the same school, offering as the grades advance, and especially in the high school, quite a latitude in the matter of electives.

Naturally our chief motive in the grades is to fit for our high school, and if we succeed in doing this in nine years we think we shall do well. This is especially true of the country schools, in which there are so many grades, and the conditions more unfavorable, and as a rule the teachers less experienced.

We have no thought of making material changes in the course of study except in the matter of the style of penmanship which will probably be changed sometime before next September.

The following pupils graduated from the ninth grade last June, and received diplomas:

Ethel Bridges	Mildred Starkey
Ruth Coombs	Mabel Thompson
Gladys Dennison	Dorothy Warner
Marion Donelson	Raymond Cutting
Ellen Dunnell	Albert Davenport
Hazel Dunnell	Guy McClellan
Priscilla Lively	Leo Parker
Carrie McGee	Forrest Temple
Ruby Martin	

Music.

Music has been taught in your schools for a number of years, and I feel very sure that you believe the expense a warranted one.

We have been much interested in watching the working of the particular system of teaching music which is in use here, which is as you know, a system of individual instruction, in which each child is dealt with alone, and advances as rapidly as he is able.

We have been convinced that this system, commenced in the lowest grades and persisted in, must result and does result in a very high standard of individual work in sight reading. The system followed carefully and administered by a teacher who can herself sing, even if she can only sing a little, will materially reduce the percentage of those who cannot distinguish between different tunes, and who cannot themselves sing to a correct pitch.

The supervision of the work in Music is in skillful and wise hands. The supervisor, Mr. Brigham, is working, and as a whole the teachers are working, to secure the best results.

We invite your attention to the report of the supervisor, which follows this.

Report of Music Teacher.

MR. A. R. PAULL, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:

The routine of work in music in the public schools of Colrain, has been the same as in past years as set forth by me in former reports.

That results are being obtained and an ever increasing musical growth being made is evidenced by the much larger chorus this year, including pupils from all the towns in the district, and from towns outside the district where the same course of instruction is pursued.

The rendition of the first part of the "Creation" at the Commencement at Arms Academy last June, with both

chorus and soloists from the school, is a fact worthy of note, and the performance received many favorable comments from musical people.

I have always endeavored to give my best efforts to this work, but it must be borne in mind that the results following have been brought about only by patient and thorough work on the part of the regular teachers, to whom due credit must be given.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. BRIGHAM,
Supervisor of Music.

Attendance.

Your attention is particularly invited to the statistical table, and you are asked to consider carefully the facts there indicated. The per cent of average attendance is one and nine tenths less than last year. Last year only two schools reported less than ninety per cent of average attendance, while this year nine schools, or sixty per cent, make such report. It would seem that such a difference ought not to be necessary, and we hope that improvement will be seen.

The evil of tardiness is very prevalent in the schools of Colrain. Conditions are not so different that the ratio of tardiness should be much greater in Colrain than in the other towns of the district. But the tardiness has been four and forty-three hundredths per pupil, while the nearest approach to it in the district was two and three hundredths.

It is a fact which we have proven many times, that the parents can help very much in overcoming this evil. We desire to stamp it out so far as possible, and to this end

plead with you to send your children to school regularly and punctually so far as you can.

Report of Truant Officer. .

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Number of cases investigated,	43
Number out sick,	27
Number kept out by parents,	13
Number truants,	3

There are some parents who are very careful not to send their children to school until they are driven to it. I think one or two examples of prosecution should be made.

Respectfully submitted,

F. L. KENDRICK,
Truant Officer.

Roll of Honor.

The roll of honor which is presented herewith, is on a slightly different plan from that of former years, but we think that it will be equally fair to all concerned. We hope that next year it will be even larger.

The following pupils were not absent, tardy or dismissed during the entire school year closing June, 1907.

Margaret Browning	Ruth Coombs
George Call	Ruth Graham
William Call	Nellie Kemp
Fritz Coburn	Claude Nicholls
Noah Coburn	Olive Storms

The following pupils were not absent, tardy or dismissed during two terms of the school year ending June, 1907.

Charles Billiel	Leon Herzig
Robert Call	Merle King
Caroline Coburn	Carrie McGee
Elise Coburn	Mary Sessler
Marjorie Hale	Mildred Temple
Grace Hall	Dorothy Warner

The following pupils were not absent, tardy or dismissed during one term of the school year ending June, 1907.

Mildred Apt	Henry Finck
Madeline Barnes	Katie Finck
Mary Billiel	Louisa Hale
Milton Brown	Gertrude Herzig
Ruth Burrington	Pearl Kendrick
Amos Bushey	Merritt King
Frederick Call	Homer Knight
Perlie Carr	Hope Knight
John Coombs	Lawrence Lamorie
Sarah Clark	Dora Lamorie
Joseph Couter	Evelyn Mathys
Gladys Cromack	Willie Merkle
Lillian Cromack	Florence McClellan
Lefa Crosier	Blanche Nicholls
Cora Cutting	Overlaw Pelletier
Hazel Cutting	Nida Perrault
Elbert Damon	Lucy Purrington
Elmer Damon	Alice Rabideau
Muriel Damon	Mildred Starkey
Gladys Davenport	Leon Stone

Leon Dennison	Edna Thompson
Hazel Dunnell	Laura Thompson
Myron Dunnell	James Warner
Annie Finch	Mildred Wood
Louisa Finch	Horace York
Rosa Finch	

I do not desire to make many sweeping recommendations so soon after taking up my work in your schools. I wish however, to call your attention to two entirely different matters, and hope that at some time you will be able to take action on both of them.

The first is the matter of drawing in our schools. The law of our state requires that it be taught, and in accordance with that law the teachers are trying to do something along the line of drawing. But they are, many of them, inexperienced, they have had no training for the work, and most of the results secured are crude.

I recognize the fact that the geographical situation of the schools of the town would make personal supervision a somewhat expensive matter. I believe however, that for a very reasonable sum arrangements might be made by which a drawing supervisor might meet the teachers from time to time, at some central point, for instruction and help, and that the regular outline of work, such as is sent to the teachers in the other towns of the district, might be sent to the teachers for their guidance.

The plan suggested would I believe, be a very material help in this department of our work, which department is at present perhaps the most unsatisfactory of any.

The other matter to which I wish to call your attention is one which is of even more vital importance to the welfare of the schools in the villages of Colrain. I have

studied the schools long enough to become firmly convinced that something should be done, and that very soon. As to the precise thing which should be done I am not in a good position to say, but I can and will give you my opinion and offer a suggestion as to a way to get at the matter for a real decision.

You know what are the conditions of the schools at Griswoldville. The primary room is exceedingly dark and not at all attractive for the children who attend. The number of pupils in the primary room is such that only three grades can be seated there, leaving six grades for the grammar school, which is by far too many.

At the Foundry village the conditions are some better, but the grammar school has five grades which makes a wide range of work for the teacher.

At the Center school all the grades are in one room, and effort is being made to help the teacher by allowing an assistant one half of each day. But owing to the size of the room the confusion made by two teachers and two classes reciting at one time, offsets part of the help given.

These conditions make it seem wise to me to ask the town to build a new school house at some point central for Griswoldville and the Foundry village that the schools in those villages may be consolidated and the eighth and ninth grade pupils from the Center school and Shattuckville school be transferred to that school.

Feeling that I have been here a too short time to ask the voters to vote on such a proposition at my request, I suggest that at the coming town meeting, a committee of representative citizens be selected to take this whole matter under advisement, and report to the town at some future date, I hope in the near future. This committee to report to the town whether anything of the character suggested be done, or whether in their judgment something

could better be done to improve present conditions, especially at Griswoldville and the Center.

Feeling from the experiences of the past two months, that committee, citizens, teachers and pupils will all be kind and helpful, and that the promise of future success is bright, this report is

Respectfully submitted,

AUSTIN R. PAULL, Superintendent.

Colrain, Mass., February 11, 1908.

Report of School Physician.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE :

At the last annual town meeting, \$15 was appropriated for School Physician.

With this small sum it is impossible, with the number of pupils in this town, to do much toward carrying out the intent and purpose of the Medical Inspection Act of 1906, which requires a physical examination of each pupil and teacher, and an inspection of the hygienic condition of all school premises, once a year at least, by the School Physician.

With the small amount appropriated we could not make an examination of each and every pupil, but have kept a general oversight over the schools, and have had the teachers report all cases which they thought should be investigated.

There have been several cases of infectious diseases during the year, which have been excluded from the schools until recovery had taken place.

We have investigated the hygienic condition of all school premises, and find most of them fairly satisfactory. We think something should be done at the Center school to improve the sanitary condition.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. CRAM, School Physician.

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

RESOURCES.

Town appropriation, \$ 155 00

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Librarian, salary and rent, \$ 100 00

Books, 77 88

Number of books in library, Feb. 1, 1907, 2185

Number of books in library, Feb. 1, 1908, 2248

E. W. COOMBS,
J. E. DAVENPORT, } Trustees.
J. W. CRAM, }

COLRAIN, MASS., FEB. 11, 1908.

We find the proper vouchers for payments of all orders given by the Library Trustees for the current year.

GEORGE A. READ, } Auditors.
R. C. HILLMAN, }

Librarian's Report.

During the past year the library has been maintained as usual. There has been no gift of books and owing to the advanced price we have been able to add fewer than usual. We have subscribed for five magazines, and have had the use of a travelling library of twenty-five volumes, sent by the Womans' Education Society. This spring this society is to lend us a library of books and pictures of birds for the use of the schools.

We have had a Tabard Inn library of twenty-five volumes that is self-supporting, which adds to our resources.

We have maintained a branch library at Christian Hill under the care of Mrs. Oliver Taylor, which has made the library useful to the people of that part of the town.

KATHERINE H. CRAM, Librarian.

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ANNUAL REPORT

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—OF THE—

TOWN OF COLRAIN

1908-1909.

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WARREN J. CRAWLEY PRINT,
1909.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1908.

DR.

February 5, To cash on hand	\$ 2699 12	
Cash from Town of Halifax	12 00	
Cash from A. H. Temple, Collector	854 65	
		\$ 3565 77

CR.

By Paid Selectmen's orders, old bills	\$ 368 59	
School Committee orders, old bills	32 87	
School Committee orders	951 26	
Selectmen's orders	426 20	
State Aid	66 00	
Cash on hand	1720 85	
		\$ 3565 77

JONATHAN E. DAVENPORT,

DR.

To Cash Received of J. E. Davenport	\$ 1720 85
H. O. Scott, Auctioneer's license	2 00
Mrs. Stone, burial lot	2 00
Disera Plant, burial lot	2 00
Louis Cousino, burial lot	2 00
Franklin County Nat. Bank, temporary loan	1000 00
Quintus Allen fund	125 80
Commonwealth, Supt. Schools	500 00
State tuition of children	24 00
J. M. Lachapelle, liquor license	250 00
Shelburne Falls Nat. Bank, temporary loan	500 00

To Alice Thompson, over pay	\$ 3 80	
R. E. Purrington, butcher's license	1 00	
P. Looman, butcher's license	1 00	
State transportation of paupers	3 60	
State Inspection of animals	49 37	
Town of Montague	70 36	
Shelburne Falls Nat. Bank, temporary loan	1500 00	
State High School tuition	1035 00	
State Corporation Tax	501 40	
National Bank Tax	292 33	
State Aid	618 00	
District Court of Franklin, fines returned	50 00	
County Treasurer, dog fund	82 14	
Massachusetts school fund	1258 41	
Town of Shelburne, tuition	164 00	
A. H. Temple, collector of taxes	10635 93	
J. W. Cram, supplies sold	1 46	
		\$ 20396 45

CR.

By School orders Paid	7486 55	
School orders paid for 1907	2 40	
Assessor's abatements	50 25	
Selectmen's orders paid	11819 05	
Selectmen's orders paid for 1907	2 40	
Cash on hand	1035 80	
		\$ 20396 45

Town's Indebtedness

Greenfield Savings Bank	1050 00	
Shelburne Falls Savings Bank	1395 00	
		\$ 2445 00

H. O. SCOTT, Treasurer.

COLRAIN, MASS., FEB. 4, 1909.

I have audited the books and orders of the Treasurer and find the same to be correct with cash on hand as above reported.

R. C. HILLMAN, Auditor.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

In account with Town of Colrain :—

DR.

To cash received from 86 licenses, male dogs	\$ 172 00
“ “ “ 8 female dogs (spayed)	16 00
“ “ “ 5 female dogs	25 00
“ “ “ J. W. Lachapelle, for deer	6 00
“ “ “ 15 hunter's licenses	15 00
	————— \$ 234 00

CR.

By Paid County Treasurer	\$ 193 20
“ Clerk's fees	19 80
“ Fish and Game Commissioners	6 00
“ Treasurer of Commonwealth	15 00
	————— \$ 234 00

H. O. SCOTT, Town Clerk.

COLRAIN, MASS., FEB. 4, 1909.

I have this day audited the books of the Town Clerk and find the same to be correct.

R. C. HILLMAN, Auditor.

Statistics from Town Clerk's Records.

Births recorded in the Town of Colrain for the year 1908 :—

Date	Name	Names of Parents
1907		
Jan. 23	Wayne Leroy York,	Luther and Helen
1908		
Jan. 4	Chabot, .	Louis and Roxina
17	Ralph Lawrence Streeter	Albert and Josephine
22	Joseph James Reil,	Joseph and Odella

Feb. 18	Mary Prochovich,	Stanley and Cresert
Mar. 6	Mary Jeannette Bowen,	Fred and May
10	Crawford Edward Churchill,	Burt and Mamie
13	Francis Ammon Walden,	Frank and Ella
Apr. 9	Wilmer Galipault,	Adolph and Lizzie
15	Blaney,	George and Mary
23	Lillian Antoinette White,	George and Lizzie
25	Leola Lively,	Joseph Jr. and Eliza
May 2	Dorothy Miller Wells,	Fred and Marian
2	Dorris Miller Wells,	Fred and Marian
5	Eleanor Pearl Cusson,	Ernest and Rosabelle
July 4	Marshall Ashton Duprey,	Samuel and Harriet
13	Loria Cusson,	Homer and Deloria
18	Jasper Miles Shippee,	Miles and Rose
21	George Sturgeon,	Joseph and Delia
Aug. 1	Eda Angeline Vincent,	Alex and Lena
1	Alice Plant,	Jerry and Josephine
8	Albert Fortin,	Joseph and Delina
Sept 10	Evelyn Ina Roberts,	Charles and Cora
17	Alexina Lucy Galipault,	Ephriam and Palmena
23	Olive Mildred Coburn,	Henry and Cora
28	Gertrude Loretta Gadreault,	Frank and Sadie
Oct. 8	Lester Ray Cary,	Amos and Anna
11	Harold Kenneth Herzig,	Philip and Elizabeth
21	Lena Matilda Reil,	Overly and Eva
27	Harry Jerry Demerar,	Peter and Cordelia
Nov. 8	Henry Adelbert White,	Otis and Kate
Dec. 8	Amegil Bellard,	Louis and Ecina
8	Nellie May Inez Fairbanks	Oscar and Bessie
9	Mildred Eva Beaudry,	Willie and Donaldo
11	Bernest Archibald Galipault,	Amedos and Eliza
14	Joseph A. King,	Joseph and Mary
14	Agnes A. King,	Joseph and Mary
14	Albert Adrian Galipault,	William and Georgiana
21	Marion Elsie Miner,	Homer and Alice
June 24	Cummings,	David and Emma

Marriages recorded in the Town of Colrain for the year 1908 :—

Date	Name	Residence	By Whom Married
Jan. 11	Frank Bresette, Emma LaRock,	Colrain, Colrain,	Edward L. Judge Priest

Jan. 28	Joseph Regay, Rosie Coburn,	Colrain, Colrain,	Edward L. Judge Priest
29	Samuel F. Duprey, Harriet M. Richards,	Colrain, Colrain,	Rev. N. M. Caton
Feb. 3	Edward Carrier, Clara Lacross,	Nashua, N. H. Colrain,	Edw. L. Judge Priest
Feb. 3	James A. Lacross, Annie Payant,	Colrain, Colrain,	Edward L. Judge Priest
Feb. 24	Oscar R. Fairbanks, Bessie M. Kemp,	Colrain, Colrain,	Rev. Sampson Nichols
Apr. 20	Eli Paradee, Mary Shackett,	Colrain, Colrain,	Edward L. Judge Priest
May 13	Edmund Lively, Eva Miller,	Colrain, Colrain,	Edward L. Judge Priest
Aug. 5	Delos Belloir, Marion Holabec,	Colrain, Colrain,	Edward L. Judge Priest
Sept 5	Clarence C. McCloud, Fannie L. Reil,	Colrain, Colrain,	Rev. J. D. Graham
Sept 22	Joseph Galipault, Eliza Coutu,	Colrain, Colrain,	James P. Kirby Priest
Oct. 21	Lawrence J. Kennedy, Blanche Desraches,	Buckland, Colrain,	Edward L. Judge Priest
Nov. 4	Ralph Harlow Peterson Edna Arline Davenport,	Colrain, Colrain,	Rev. J. D. Graham
Dec. 21	George Thomas Maberry, May Emma Folsom,	Colrain, Colrain	Rev. Sampson Nichols
24	Fredrick W. Bowes, Agnes Vera Fleming,	Gloucester Mass. Newton, Mass	Rev. S. Nichols
Dec. 30	George A. Ward, Lillian R. Anger,	Colrain, Colrain,	Rev. J. W. Hawley

Deaths recorded in the Town of Colrain, for the year 1908 :—

Date	Name	Age Years Months Days	Place of Interment
Jan. 9	Nancy J. Dunnell,	46	Colrain
28	John P. Sherman,	67	Boyntonville, N. Y.
30	Edward H. Moore,	53	Bennington, Vt.

Feb. 9	Louis Kollis,	7		14	Colrain
12	Albro M. Apt,	18	4	10	Colrain
27	Agnes E. Hillman,	42	8	19	Colrain
Mar. 9	Winnie R. Bridges,	37	8		Guilford, Vt.
20	Mary Nichols,	87		28	Colrain
Apr. 4	Albert R. Cromack,	57	4	16	Colrain
25	John Plant,	4	2	15	Colrain
May 12	Albert T. Coutu,	6			Colrain
19	Flora A. Smith,	63	2	27	Colrain
July 15	Anna Lord,	67	8	10	Colrain
Aug. 8	Mildred B. Temple,	15	10	18	Colrain
17	Nancy Sophronia Donelson,	70	4	20	Colrain
26	Mary A. Wolfram	27			Easthampton, Mass.
Sept. 5	William Irwin Cromack,	27		23	Colrain
8	Charles W. Temple,	70		16	Colrain
Oct. 7	Moses Cousino,	4		7	Colrain
Nov. 6	Sarah L. Smith,	60		28	Colrain
14	Nettie J. Russell	46	11	15	Colrain
17	Elizabeth E. Morley,	62	6		Colrain
Dec. 8	Beatrice L. Thompson,	1		28	Colrain
17	Eliza J. Kelly,	45			Greenfield, Mass.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Colrain :—

Gentlemen :—We herewith give you a report of our accounts up to Feb. 1, 1909. We wish to call your attention to some of the expenses that we did not know of when we asked for the appropriation. We have tried to keep within the appropriation, but have found it insufficient along some lines if we did the necessary work.

The Green River Road was more expensive than usual. Last February, the river broke up and blocked the road with ice, which cost the town \$117.00 to remove, and we have also, had the wall to repair and some fortifying to do next to the river.

We have had to buy a new set of weights and measures for the Sealer of Weights and Measures to comply with the law; at an expense of \$147.67.

Our State and County Tax was \$486.00 more than it ever has been before.

The scarlet fever epidemic at Griswoldville was soon under control, but during the quarantine some were kept from working in the mill and they had to receive partial support from the town.

With a tax rate of only \$15.00 on a \$1000 and these extra expenses, the town may well feel proud to look at its account for the cash on hand and the resources of the town applied to the debt would make our account nearly balance.

Highways and Bridges.

Peter Gilbeau,	\$ 3 00	Stanley Prohovetch,	\$ 4 00
J. E. Bowen,	3 10	Joe Jureck	6 45
Frank Galipault,	3 75	F. W. Burnham,	5 58
F. L. Kenderick,	28 00	H. J. Smith,	82 50
Moses Byle,	15 00	Thomas Storm,	46 50
F. L. Whitman,	14 38	Albert Herzig	13 25
Moses Byle,	13 50	J. H. Orde,	5 40
C. Finck,	27 90	C. F. Clarke & Son,	30 56
Matthew Barber,	2 00	Canton Bridge Co.	26 40
Frank Whitman,	17 50	Frank Whitman,	10 00
Edward Yell,	18 00	Byron Call,	21 00
Alfred Nedo,	13 50	Thomas Looman,	10 00
Moses Byle,	6 00	C. N. Carpenter,	26 40
Frank Whitman,	27 50	Frank Herzig,	5 00
C. Finck,	70 05	Noah Shambo,	5 50
Fred Finck,	16 00	John Dobias,	1 50
J. G. Barnard,	88 00	C. W. Maxam,	6 00
Ed. Tetreault,	41 16	James Looman,	16 50
Geo. White,	121 00	L. H. Thompson,	16 00
W. S. Carpenter,	2 80	Matt Corlis	15 00
F. L. Kendrick,	34 60	H. J. Smith,	65 00
Fred Nadou,	2 25	R. L. Hillman,	3 45
Philip Herzig,	2 00	M. Looman,	3 50
A. E. Davenport,	6 62	A. N. Carpenter,	3 00
Moses Coburn,	1 50	Pickett & Ellwell,	24 80
Harry Bell	3 00	Frank Galipault,	6 00
E. F. Copeland,	34 30	Eli Stone,	4 20
G. T. Maberry,	17 83	Anthony Horan,	3 00
Thomas Storm,	18 00	M. A. Thompson & Son,	10 00
John Dobias,	1 50	Joseph Lively, Jr.	32 00
F. W. Purrington,	78 76	A. W. Hillman,	4 50
White & Son,	26 07	R. C. Porter,	3 00
H. C. Cromack,	4 50	H. A. Dwight,	24 15
C. Finck,	23 70	C. Finck,	55 25
H. J. Smith,	101 25	Lively & Galipault,	6 00
W. D. Smith,	161 00	C. M. Fairbanks,	10 75
Mary A. Nelson,	1 50	G. D. Stetson & Son,	16 05
C. B. Dennison & Son,	26 25	Elias Bardwell,	5 39
J. E. Bowen,	10 15	E. J. Benton,	1 05

Amos Stewart & Son,	\$ 14 17	A. F. Smith,	\$ 6 57
C. T. Avery,	16 12	E. M. Dwight,	57 50
F. L. Brigham,	1 35	Amos Carey,	3 75
W. R. Bridges,	32 30	O. M. Brown,	44 00
C. L. Donelson,	11 70	T. R. Shearer,	3 60
C. L. Roberts,	3 87	E. B. Smith,	5 00
Marcy & Donelson,	19 10	F. L. Brown,	6 81
W. H. Bardwell,	3 50	H. S. Browning,	3 00
E. M. Johnson,	5 10	A. E. Fairbanks,	2 50
E. Auger,	75	F. M. Avery,	17 55
A. B. Stetson,	8 33	G. O. Thompson	3 30
R. M. Coombs,	5 10	Roy Nichols,	2 85
C. W. Hillman,	1 05	F. L. Kendrick,	19 28
Wm. Stacey,	7 82	Orson Call,	10 45
J. M. Shearer,	26 23	H. W. Thompson,	14 50
Miner & White,	4 25	W. H. Kemp,	15 60
Mrs. Alice Pierce,	1 20	C. W. Smith,	15 00
H. J. Smith,	212 50		
		Total,	\$2,327 25

Snow Work

G. D. Snyder	\$ 2 85	A. L. Fish	\$ 5 75
Harry Bell	6 00	E. H. Underwood	15 31
Albert Herzig	4 35	Wm. Gregory	4 50
J. S. Joy	3 00	C. L. Combs	3 86
J. H. Carr	3 75	J. H. Howard	10 00
Albert Herzig	23 57	L. D. Harris	10 35
James Looman	11 48	H. D. Root	1 35
John Dobias	4 05	H. A. Dwight	3 48
F. S. Bringham	1 65	E. M. Johnson	10 25
C. M. Fairbanks	4 05	Harry Bell	6 00
F. E. Cormack	3 00	Miner & White	2 50
J. M. Shearer	1 50	H. W. Thompson	5 00
H. S. Browning	2 55		
C. W. Smith	5 00	Total,	\$156 65
Philip Herzig	1 50		

Removing Ice From Green River Road

A. L. Dennison	7 40	M. A. Nelson	3 00
F. D. Thompson	6 00	Amos Stewart & Son	12 20
Eli Stone	3 00	W. R. Bridges	1 60
J. M. Shearer	24 00	Miner & White,	4 80

A. B. Cromack,	\$ 4 60	H. J. Smith,	\$ 20 00
W. H. Robertson,	1 60	Pickett & Ellwell,	1 60
L. H. Martin	7 20	H. S. Browning,	7 20
H. D. Root	7 40	C. H. Lynde,	1 50
E. S. Alexander	4 80		
		Total,	\$ 117 90

Incidentals.

A. H. Temple, tax bills,	\$ 2 25	W. A. Johnson,	\$ 4 50
W. & L. Gurley, weights and measures,	141 67	J. A. Mather, M. D., return of births,	1 00
E. A. Hall & Co., printing ballots,	20 50	H. O. Scott,	6 90
Cecil T. Bagnall printing Assessor field books,	2 75	E. F. Haskins, court fees,	10 65
Gazette & Courier,	50	A. J. Brooks, court fees,	32 44
W. H. Davenport,	1 75	A. E. Fairbanks, wood,	5 67
No. Adams Blank Book Co.	5 75	W. S. Allard,	12 45
Shel. Falls & Colrain St. Ry. Co.	40	C. P. Twitchell,	25
Colrain Electric Light Co.	25 00	W. A. Davenport, retainer and counsel in Cady case,	40 00
Colrain fire district, water rent,	5 00	H. O. Scott, recording births, marriages and deaths,	27 50
Thomas O'Brien, storing Road scraper,	10 00	J. E. Bowen,	29
Stetson's Electric Print, printing town reports,	69 40	H. S. Swan,	25
L. E. Strawser, printing order books,	7 50	Arthur B. Chapin, one-fourth liquor license,	62 50
S. Allen & Sons,	16 20	E. A. Hall & Co.,	1 00
Colrain Fire District, water- ing trough,	5 00	J. W. Cram, M. D., return of births,	4 75
E. A. Hall & Co.,	4 30	Smith & Hillman,	6 60
F. W. Purrington, case for sealer of weights and measures,	12 00	J. E. Davenport,	70
F. J. Canedy, M. D., return of births and counsel,	3 75	Mrs. Alice Pierce,	2 00
		J. S. Outhouse, M. D., re- turn of births,	75
		H. J. Smith,	2 29
		H. W. Thompson,	50
		W. H. Kemp,	11 05
		Total,	\$567 76

Highway Damages.

C. S. Cady,	\$ 210 00
L. A. Foster,	5 00
John E. Bowen,	35 00
Total,	\$250 00

Town Officers

Paid J. E. Bowen, Assessor for 1907,	\$ 48 25
A. H. Temple, tax collector,	135 00
H. S. Meacham, tree warden for 1907,	8 00
G. A. Read, auditor,	10 00
C. N. Carpenter, sexton,	4 00
C. N. Carpenter, constable,	2 50
J. D. Gilchrest, inspector of meats,	60 00
J. A. Mather, M. D., quarantining and fumi- gating for scarlet fever at Griswoldville,	36 70
J. D. Gilchrest, inspector of meats,	50 00
W. H. Davenport, fire warden,	3 70
Herbert F. Cary, ballot clerk,	2 00
C. L. Brigham, ballot clerk,	4 00
C. N. Carpenter, sexton,	6 00
C. N. Carpenter, sexton,	4 00
C. A. Stewart, ballot clerk,	4 00
G. N. Kelley, teller,	4 75
Elias Bardwell, registrar,	8 00
J. D. Gilchrest, inspector of meat,	25 00
H. A. Howard, moderator,	2 50
H. S. Meacham, tree warden	10 00
R. M. Coombs, assessor,	43 75
J. A. Mather, M. D., Sec. of Board of Health,	17 50
J. M. Shearer, teller,	2 00
J. E. Bowen, assessor,	55 00
A. R. Donelson, registrar,	10 00
J. W. Cram, M. D., school committee,	40 00
J. W. Cram, M. D., school physician,	25 00
R. C. Hillman, auditor,	10 00
Edwin W. Coombs, school committee,	35 00
F. L. Kendrick, assessor,	55 00
F. L. Kendrick, constable,	4 00
J. E. Davenport, school committee,	30 00
J. E. Davenport, sexton,	14 00
J. E. Davenport, town clerk and treasurer,	15 00
J. E. Davenport, registrar,	5 00
J. B. Clark & Son, hearseman,	12 00
H. O. Scott, clerk and treasurer,	89 50
H. W. Thompson, selectman and overseer of poor,	75 00

Paid W. H. Kemp, selectman and overseer of poor,	\$ 75 00
C. W. Smith, selectman and overseer of poor,	75 00

Total,	\$ 1116 65
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Interest.

Paid Greenfield Savings Bank,	\$ 52 50
Shelburne Falls National Bank,	104 14
Franklin Co. National Bank,	11 25

Total	\$ 167 89
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Paid: Franklin Co. National Bank,	
temporary loan,	\$ 1000 00
Shelburne Falls National Bank,	
temporary loan,	2000 00
State Highway tax,	106 65
County tax,	1435 14
State tax,	1210 00
Colrain fire district,	390 79
Memorial day,	50 00
State aid,	540 00
Joseph Ballard, treasurer of library,	175 00
Highway damages,	250 00

Resources of Town.

Due from A. H. Temple on Taxes of 1908,	\$ 425 42
Due from State on account of State aid,	540 00
Due from Colrain Fire District,	54 03
Due from State on account of inspection of animals,	45 00
Due from Town of Conway on account of Mrs. Marion Olbuc,	227 50
Due from Bay State Construction Co.,	45 00
Due from State on account of Henry Jones,	20 80
Due from Town of Chicopee on account of Charles Walker,	61 35
Due from Town of West Boylston on account of Patnode children,	16 00
Due from Town of Williamstown on account of Henry Come,	67 03
Due from Town of Greenfield on account of Fred Ariel,	91 73

Due from Town of Conway on account of Lewis Trumball,	\$24 70
Due from Town of Charlemont on account of Otis White and family,	29 50
Total,	\$ 1648 06

We would recommend the following appropriations for 1909:

Highways and bridges,	\$ 2000 00
Support of poor,	800 00
State highway tax,	110 00
Town officers,	1200 00
County tax,	1500 00
State tax,	1400 00
Town debt,	1000 00
Interest,	150 00
Old bills,	300 00
Memorial Day,	50 00
State aid,	700 00
Incidentals,	600 00

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. THOMPSON,	} Selectmen of Colrain
W. H. KEMP,	
C. W. SMITH,	

COLRAIN, MASS, FEB. 4, 1909.

I have examined the books and vouchers of the Selectmen and find the same to be correct, and receipted bills on hand for each order given.

R. C. HILLMAN, Auditor

Inventory of Tools

One crusher elevator, two screens, electric motor,
 12 shovels,
 4 Steel bars,
 4 Wheelbarrows,
 4 Hoes,
 4 Picks,
 1 Road machine,
 1 Log chain
 Seals for weights and measures,
 1 Case for weights and measurers,

- 3 Safes,
- 1 Derrick,
- 1 Plow,
- 2 Hand scrapers,
- 2 Book cases.

Recapitulation

Amount Appropriated		Amount Expended
\$2,000 00	Highways and Bridges,	\$ 2,327 25
500 00	Incidentals,	567 76
800 00	Support of Poor,	1,008 86
700 00	State Aid,	540 00
1,000 00	Town Officers,	1,116 65
1,400 00	County tax,	1,435 14
900 00	State tax,	1,210 00
175 00	Library,	175 00
50 00	Memorial Day,	50 00
	Snow Work,	156 65
150 00	Interest,	167 89
	Colrain Fire District,	390 79
	Highway Damage,	250 00
	Removing Ice, Green River Road,	117 90
	Temporary loan,	3,000 00
110 00	State Highway tax,	106 65
1,000 00	Town debt,	
100 00	Old bills,	
	Total	\$ 2,620 54

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Frank Southworth :—

Paid Geo. W. Warner,	\$ 52 00	
Moses Coburn,	52 00	
Moses Coburn,	52 00	
J. A. Mather, M. D.,	2 50	
Moses Coburn,	52 00	
	—————\$	210 50

Fred Vincent and family :—

Paid Mrs. Lewis LaCross,	\$ 22 00	
Mrs. Malinda Plant,	3 00	
P. Looman,	23 21	
J. W. Cram, M. D.,	20 00	
Dennison & Smith,	43 76	
Dennison & Smith,	56 00	
F. J. Canedy, M. D.,	8 25	
	—————\$	176 22

Henry Jones; belongs to State :—

Paid J. A. Mather, M. D.,	\$ 6 50	
W. H. Kemp.	14 30	
	—————\$	20 80

Mrs. Mary Johnson:—

Paid J. A. Mather, M. D.,	\$ 6 85	
Franklin Co. Public Hospital,	46 00	
	—————\$	52 85

Mrs. Charles Walker, belongs to Chicopee:—

Paid Moses Billie,	\$ 13 35	
Moses Billie,	17 10	
Moses Billie,	6 90	
Moses Billie,	24 00	
	—————\$	61 35

Charles McCloud :—

Paid Town of Greenfield,	\$ 10 71	
	—————\$	10 71

Newton Bullock ;—

Paid Edward C. Streeter,	\$ 9 00	
Edward C. Streeter,	3 00	
H. O. Scott,	2 25	
	—————\$	14 25

Sophia Thompson:—

Paid J. A. Mather, M. D.,	\$ 10 75	
	—————\$	10 75

Patnode children, belong to West Boylston:—

Paid J. A. Mather, M. D.,	\$ 16 00	
	—————\$	16 00

Henry Come, belongs to Williamstown:—

Paid J. A. Mather, M. D.,	\$ 18 00	
Dennison & Smith,	49 03	
	—————\$	67 03

Marion Olbuc, belongs to Conway:—

Paid Dennison & Smith,	\$ 82 50	
	—————\$	82 50

Fred Ariel and family, belongs to Greenfield:—

Paid Smith & Hillman,	\$ 45 53	
Smith & Hillman,	46 20	
	—————\$	91 73

Lewis Trumball, belongs to Conway :—

Paid H. O. Scott,	\$ 24 70	
	—————\$	24 70

Mrs. Geo. W. Streeter:—

Paid Town of Greenfield,	\$ 51 82	
	—————\$	51 82

Helen Carey :—

Paid Town of Greenfield,	\$ 16 05	
	—————\$	16 05

Otis White and family, belongs to Charlemont:—

Paid J. W. Cram, M. D.,	\$ 29 50	
	—————\$	29 50

Lewis Belloir :—

Paid J. A. Mather, M. D.,	\$ 14 00	
	—————\$	14 00

Mrs. H. M. Underwood:—

Paid J. W. Cram, M. D.,

\$ 4 50	
	\$ 4 50

Mrs. Daniel Carey:—

Paid J. W. Cram, M. D.,

53 60	
	\$ 53 60

Total for support of poor,

\$ 1,008 86

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. THOMPSON, }
W. H. KEMP, }
C. W. SMITH. }

Overseers
of
Poor.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

	Personal.	Real.		Personal	Real
Auger, E.	\$ 85	\$ 500	Bardwell, W. H.	840	1 925
Avery, Frank N.	660	2300	Bushey, Henry		650
Archambo, Noah	465	1000	Burrington, J. W.		800
Avery, Clark T.	835	2800	Burrington, Grace		
Alexander, E. S.	345	2275	A.	165	
Apt, W. H.	225	1850	Bell, Mrs. J. A.		525
Ariel, H. E.		600	Buck, Addie S.		250
Allard, W. S.	400	2080	Baptist Society,		1000
Ashton, William	100		Crosier, M. B.	190	800
Ashton, A. J.	140	1200	Coombs, E. W. &		
Bolduc, Lawrence			Son	455	1950
& Son	590	700	Coombs, C. S.	1525	2975
Brown, Frank L.	895	2640	Cobb, E. R.	150	
Bowen, F. N.	40		Cary, W. W. & Son	3130	6075
Bowen, John E.	330	950	Churchill, F. A.	150	440
Brown, O. M.	865	2100	Churchill, Bert	25	
Barnes, W. E.	525	1600	Coburn, Peter	75	1150
Brown, Frank A.	1825	865	Cromack, C. H.	190	875
Booth, E. P.	90	900	Cram, J. H.	180	410
Booth, Mrs. Nora		600	Cromack, J. B. &		
Babbitt, Martha J.	190	100	Son	1065	3250
Brigham, Frank L.	735	1525	Carpenter, Arthur		
Bell, Harry		500	A.	95	
Bell, Ida N.	140		Cromack, H. C.	570	1700
Brigham, C. L.	520	2300	Carpenter, J. H.	525	960
Bardwell, Elias	270	1500	Cary, Amos	180	900
Browning, Horace	860	2475	Clark, Edward &		
Bridges, W. R.	540	1550	Mrs. Fisher,	620	900
Bellows, C. N.	70	1125	Carpenter, W. S.	220	950
Buldac, Joseph	35		Copeland, E. F.	1325	3300
Benard, Fred	5	300	Carey, Daniel	25	300
Ballard, Joseph	1190		Cromack, Frank E.	555	1130
Burrington, E. J.		750	Coombs, R. M.	1075	3800
Billie, Lewis		550	Collis, Mat	225	525
Bennett, Joseph	55	755	Call, Byron L.	245	1250
Bresette, Nelson	10		Coburn, Moses	495	2500

	Personal.	Real		Personal.	Real
Carpenter & Mc-			Finck, Christian Sr.	830	1325
Donald,	2035		Gallipo, Fred	65	1510
Crawford, Milton		400	Gallipo, Frank	325	850
Call, Mrs. H. M.	375	750	Galvin, James A.	855	2650
Call, Orson D.	240	875	Galvin, J. P.	135	675
Cram, J. W.	400	2550	Gilderdale, H. B.	225	
Call, William		350	Gunn, C. T.	525	2400
Clark, J. B. & Son	875	1700	Grahm, J. D.	180	
Caton, Rev. N. W.	200		Gilchrest, J. D.	50	
Carpenter, C. N.	195	1850	Griswold, Lorenzo	7815	
Cole, James W.		1000	Griswoldville, Mfg.		
Cong. Society		1000	Co.,	67225	62850
Davenport, A. O.	200	1150	Harris, Lawrence	775	3100
Donelson, Arcbella		750	Harris, M. S.	50	
Dewey, Henry		675	Hagar, Leon	230	550
Dwight, E. M.	920	3000	Herzig, Frank	335	1380
Dennison & Smith,	4315		Hillman, C. W.	370	1410
Daniels, Dora		350	Hillman, Deane	110	400
Day, S. M.	125	700	Hillman, Alfred	780	925
Dennison, C. B. &			Herzig, Rudolph	290	1400
Son	540	500	Herzig, A. R.	220	500
Dobois, John	340	800	Horan, Anthony	110	250
Donelson, H. B.	810	2400	Hinsdale, A. W.	150	1400
Damon, F. W.	1100	100	Howard, H. A.	100	75
Donelson, C. L.	1115	3500	Herzig, Benjamin	25	475
Dunnell, F. A.	600	1550	Herzig, Philip	300	1350
Davenport, W. H.	485	1325	Harris, Seymour	220	
Davenport, Levi O.	235	265	Hillman, R. C.	240	
Dwight, H. A.	615	1600	Howard, James H.	525	1800
Davenport, Jona E.	1055	3100	Houghtaling, C. G.		500
Dexter, Hoyt		1375	Herzig, Joseph	75	
Donelson, W. H.		1050	Hathaway, G. E.		600
Dennison, E. A.		75	Jeffords, Frank	25	
Dennison, H. H.		800	Johnson, E. M.	500	2180
Field, F. S.	275		Jurick, Joseph	400	1075
Fairbanks, L. W.		1000	Johnson, S. B.	415	1200
Fish, A. L.	650	900	Joy, Irving N.	125	800
Faulkner, Lyman	100	600	Kemp, Percy	30	
Fairbanks, O. L.	100		Kemp, Horace	175	40
Fairbanks, C. M.	590	1540	Kelley, Walter	110	450
Fairbanks, Lester	125		Kemp, W. H.	1345	3550
Fairbanks, Frank F.	345	500	Knight, H. G.	170	

	Personal.	Real		Personal.	Real
Kemp, Earl	75	200	McClellen, George		
Kemp, O. D.	540	100	E.	230	1500
Kendrick, F. L.	865	3135	Mattis, George	425	
Lively & Galipo,	345	900	Maberry, George T.	350	1975
Lusty, George		325	Methodist Society,		1000
Looman, J. B.	250	1000	Marcy, C. A.	1230	4220
Lively, Joseph C.	295	900	Marcy, Donelson,		
Lively, Joseph Jr.	570	1900	Marcy & Couter,	7195	2490
Looman, Michael	150	1000	Nelson, Mrs. Mary		
Lamorie, Nelson		575	B.	320	550
Looman, Patrick	650	1525	Nichols, O. N.	105	300
Lusty, David	35	725	Noyes, C. D.	1650	3450
Lusty, C. F.	370	1225	Nichols, M. O.	700	1450
Lucicher, Rudolph	340	1760	Nichols, Roy	85	
Lynde, Cleveland	50		O'Brien, Thomas	230	2200
Lynde, G. D.	320	850	Ormond, R. J.		1450
Looman, Thomas	175	150	Purrington, George	250	
Lapierre, John	35		Pitt, George W.	185	1500
Lachapelle, Joseph	1795	6500	Purrington, Frank	40	
Moro, Amos	280	800	Patterson, George R.	70	
McGee, C. C.	175		Patterson, Mary		100
McGee, Emily Heirs		750	Purrington, Nelson		
Miller, H. B.	825	2075	H.	875	1900
McClellen, Mrs.			Parker, E. J.	220	1000
Emma		1000	Plant, Francis	35	
McCloud, Clarence	925		Purrington, J. E.	175	
McCloud, F. A.	290	1325	Pierce, Geo. L.	580	2500
Massamet Yarn			Peterson, Myron	695	1700
Mills,	11800	14680	Pierce, Mrs. David	220	1300
Meacham, H. S.	325		Porter, R. C.	150	625
Miller, Robert	335	2010	Peterson, Ralph	80	2200
Mather, John A.	325	3300	Porter, H. S.	150	1450
Miller & Hale,	380	600	Prochovich, Stanley	285	1300
Maxam, C. W.	285	1165	Purrington, Ralph	75	
Merrifield, F. L.	2245	3685	Peters, Herbert	40	600
Miner, Joseph Co.	50	400	Pickett & Elwell,	260	2200
Miner, John M.	135		Purrington, R. D.	930	2100
Morton, George P.	295	1400	Purrington, H. F.	90	
McGee, C. W.	280	850	Purrington, Mrs. F.		850
Martin, B. E.	475	1370	Purrington, F. W.	1395	4375
Miner & White,	870	2050	Paynt, Evend	75	
Moore, C. J.	185	1100	Pelter, Ephraim	250	

	Personal.	Real		Personal.	Real
Reil Overly	10	600	Stone, Samuel	210	1400
Roberts, John H.	130		Stewart, E. B.	275	750
Richards, Thomas	265	550	Smead, Thomas	525	2300
Reil, Fred	365	900	Stacy, William	90	650
Root, Lewis		225	Stewart & Root,	1005	2650
Russell, Mrs. Mary	1000		Stone, Moses		350
Revoir, Peter	100		Shel. Falls & Col-		
Roberts, C. L.	305	1480	rain St. R. R.		3300
Russell, Miss Nettie		800	Temple, A. H. &		
Rice, Mrs. Clara		400	Son	160	1400
Read, Mrs. Augusta		1300	Thompson, John W.	100	
Russell, Mrs. C. J.		750	Thompson, Mrs. Jane		500
Smith, W. D.	85		Temple, S. E.	1160	3900
Smith, H. A.	175		Tinkham, J. W.	30	1000
Smith H. J.	675	3750	Thompson, M r s .		
Scott, H. O. & Son	2335	2000	Frank D.	315	
Smith, W. W.	1230	4125	Thompson, Frank D.		1100
Stetson, A. B.	525	1400	Tetrault, Edmund	465	1800
Stowe, Mrs. W. W.		1400	Thomas, Lucius &		
Stowe, B. A.	490		Julia	630	885
Stowe, Mrs. Minnie		1500	Taylor, O. H.	155	725
Sessler, William	440	1150	Thompson, F. M.	325	1800
Stewart, Amos &			Thompson, H. W.	980	1600
Son	445	1600	Thompson, G. A.	265	1200
Stone, Eli	235	800	Thompson, Levi H.	900	1600
Smith, A. C.		2350	Thompson, Milo &		
Shearer, J. M.	800	1100	Son	690	2200
Spurr, Mrs. Antis		1295	Turner, Charles H.	190	1600
Stetson, George D.			Thompson, Jacob	40	
& Son	635	2600	Underwood, E. H.	245	600
Smith, E. B.	50	1625	White, C. F. & Son	895	1950
Smith, Allen F.		2100	Wheeler, S. W.		
Smith, E. C. & Son	90	1350	Estate	20	3100
Shearer, James E.	335		Williams, Titus D.	215	1500
Shaw, Miss Kate		500	West, George	500	
Smith, C. W.	960	4250	White, Mrs. Ida	275	525
Smith, Wayne	100		White, C. D.	265	
Schecterle, Godfred		450	White, Luke Estate		550
Sturtevent, John P.	225	975	York, Heman	120	600
Starkey, F. A.	255	400	Zraning, Joseph	30	450
Smith & Hillman,	3150	1975			

Non Residents

	Personal.	Real		Personal.	Real
Allen, S., Shelburne	\$	1300	Leach, Whitman, Charlemont		500
Barber, W. A., Leyden		1100	Nelson, A. O., Springfield		150
Barber, Matthew., Gfld.		1000	O'Brien, D. G., Gfld.		200
Ballou, Francis, Gfld.		75	Purrington, M. S., Buckland		300
Burnham, Fred, Gfld.		850	Powling, A. W., Gfld.		700
Billings, Mrs. Abbie,			Purrington, O. D.,		
North Adams		500	Providence, R. I.,		3050
Cook, C. H., Gfld.		800	Peterson, C. O., N. York		1200
Crafts, C. H., No. Hatfield		100	Robinson, Mrs. C. H., N. York		1000
Clapp, J. W., Deerfield		800	Richmond, A. A. Charlemont		350
Dague, Fred F., Gfld.		325	Richmond, Lorenzo,		
Darling, W. W., Rowe		150	Charlemont		350
Dennison, Avery, Leyden		175	Snow, Charles, Heirs,		
Fisk, George, Reser-			Gfld.		150
voir, Shelburne		300	Shearer, Thos. R. Shelburne		1850
Gerette, Mrs. Frank, Gfld.		500	Sickmund, Mrs. W. A.,		
Graves, Ashman, Shelburne		400	Torrington, Conn.		275
Hitchcock, Charles,			Shearer, Mrs. Hattie		
Turners Falls		225	S., Shirley		225
Hunter, R. W., Gfld.		100	Steele, George, S. Falls		70
Hobart, E. D. Amherst		500	Shaw, Elijah, S. Falls		125
Handforth, H., Gfld.		600	Stanton, Frank, S. Falls		270
Johnson, Lewis Heirs,			Sesler, Fred, Gfld.		500
Charelmont		700	Tribe, Thomas, S. Falls		50
Johnson, A. C., Charlemont		200	Upton, Fred, Agawam		250
Jeffords, Charles, Gfld.		250	Van Valkenberg,		
Kinsman, W. E., Heath		300	Chester, Shelburne Falls		100
Lowe, Ira A., Gardner 160,		1800	Worden, Charles, Halifax		375
Loomis, Austin D., Amherst,		500	Woodard, E. G., Halifax		150
Lyndes, Bert, Brattleboro		60	Ware, Eben, Buckland		500
Long, Miranda, Shelburne		500	Yell, Paul, Shelburne Falls		150

Table of Aggregates

Number of polls assessed,	476	952
Residents assessed on property,	333	
Non-residents assessed on property,	56	
Horses assessed,	412	
Cows assessed,	818	
Sheep assessed,	1186	
Neat cattle assessed,	642	
Swine assessed,	156	
Dwelling houses assessed,	324	

Value of personal estate,	\$207,155 00
Value of real estate,	440,750 00
Total,	\$647,905 00

Rate: \$15 00 per \$1,000 00

FRED L. KENDRICK, CHAIRMAN,
R. M. COOMBS,
JOHN E. BOWEN, CLERK,

Assessors.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

TO THE CITIZENS OF COLRAIN:—

During the past year there have been reported to the Board of Health seven cases of scarlet fever all in Griswoldville, two cases of diphtheria in Shattuckville, eight cases of measles in different parts of the town and two cases of tuberculosis. The epidemic of scarlet fever was well controlled by rigid quarantine and careful disinfection and fumigation. The rigid quarantine was made possible by the assistance of the citizens and the Griswoldville Manufacturing Co. There are a few nuisances in the form of out houses which have been reported to the board and some have not complied as yet but we expect they will be attended to as soon as possible.

The public dump west of the village and the one at the Foundry village are both unsightly, and at times unsanitary and a place more remote from the highway should be secured for this refuse. We again request the immediate report of contagious and infectious diseases to the Board.

An order has been issued to the Librarian of the Public Library to refuse books to all persons who are inmates of a house where an infectious or contagious disease is present.

We recommend the Library Trustees to buy an apparatus to use for disinfecting such books as may from any cause become infected and therefore a danger to the public health.

J. A. MATHER, M. D., Sec. of the Board of Health.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES

. . OF . .

GRISWOLD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Fellow Citizens.—

We have the pleasure of making the following report.

The Library will be open to the public on Wednesday and Saturday from 3 to 5 and from 7 to 8.30 o'clock. Sunday from 12 to 1 o'clock.

RESOURCES.

Appropriated by Town,	\$ 175 00
Income from bonds,	140 00
Received from F. D. Griswold (for reference books),	500 00
Received from Joseph Griswold (for cataloging),	35 00
	\$ 850 00

EXPENDITURES

Paid Books and magazines,	\$ 567 85
Janitor work,	36 00
Fuel and lights,	64 96
Incidents,	34 43
Cataloging books,	35 00
Salary and rent,	50 00
	788 24
Balance on hand,	\$ 61 76

MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

Received from bonds,	\$ 42 50	
		\$ 42 50
Cash on hand,		42 50

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

Paid DeWolf, Fiske & Co.,	\$ 9 30	
Johnson's Book Store,	62 26	
Ida G. Miller,	6 00	
C. A. Nichols Co.,	6 00	
H. R. Hunting Co.,	480 89	
Current Literature Publishing Co.,	3 40	
		567 85

INCIDENTALS

Paid C. H. Hawkes,	\$ 4 50	
J. W. Cram,	3 65	
John D. Bowker,	54	
Dennison Mfg. Co.,	2 44	
Shelburne Falls & Colrain St.		
R. R. Co.,	6 48	
Library Bureau,	9 00	
A. W. Jones,	2 55	
F. W. Purrington,	5 27	
		34 43

JANITOR.

Paid Louis Dunton,		36 00
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FUEL AND LIGHTS

Paid Smith & Hillman,	\$40 00	
Colrain Electric Light Co.,	24 96	
		64 96

SALARY AND RENT

Paid Katherine H. Cram, \$ 50 00

CATALOGING BOOKS

Paid Miss Mary K. Weston,	\$ 25 00	
J. M. Lachappelle, (for board)	10 00	
		35 00

Securities given to the Trustees of the Griswold Memorial Library for the town of Colrain, Sept. 10, 1908 by Joseph Griswold of Greenfield for the following purposes.

MAINTENANCE FUND.

Income to be used only for insurance, repairs on library building and for furniture, including furnace.

Securities,	Due	Value	Interest	Income
1 Hocking Valley R. R. bond,	1999	\$1000 00	at 4½ per ct.	\$45 00
1 Brooklyn N. Y. Union Elevated bond,	1950	1000 00	at 5 " "	50 00
1 Atkinson, Topeka & Santa Fe R. R. bond,	1995	1000 00	at 4 " "	40 00
				\$ 135 00

FOR RUNNING EXPENSES—INCOME ONLY TO BE USED

Securities	Due	Value	Interest	Income
1 C. C. C. St. Louis R. R. bond,	1993	\$1000 00	at 4 per ct.	\$40 00
1 C. B. & Q. R. R. bond,	1949	1000 00	" " " "	40 00
1 N. Y. & N. H. R. R. bond,	1954	1000 00	" " " "	40 00
1 B. & M. R. R. bond,	1942	1000 00	" " " "	40 00
1 Conn. & Pasumpsic R. R. bond,	1943	1000 00	" " " "	40 00
1 N. Pacific & C. B. Q. joint bond,	1921	1000 00	" " " "	40 00
1 N. Y. N. H. & H. bond,	1954	1000 00	" " " "	40 00

1 C. B. & Q. mortgage bond,	1958	1000 00	at 4	per ct.	\$40 00
1 Atch. Top. & S. F. bond,	1958	1000 00	" "	" "	40 00
					\$ 400 00

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN W. COOMBS,	}	Library
JONATHAN E. DAVENPORT,		
HENRY A. HOWARD,	}	Trustees
JOSEPH W. BALLARD.		
JOHN D. GRAHAM,		
JOHN W. CRAM, Sec'y.		

COLRAIN, MASS., FEB. 4, 1909.

I have audited the books and receipts of the Griswold Memorial Library Trustees and find the same to be correct.

R. C. HILLMAN, Auditor.

Report of Treasurer of Griswold Memorial Library Trustees

RECEIPTS

Received	From Town Treasurer,	\$ 175 00
	Income from bonds,	140 00
	From F. D. Griswold, for reference books,	500 00
	From Joseph Griswold, for cataloging,	35 00
		\$ 850 00

EXPENDITURES

Paid	Secretary Library Trustees order,	\$ 788 24
	Balance on hand,	61 76
		850 00

MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

Received	Income from bonds,	\$ 42 00
	Cash on hand,	42 00

JOSEPH W. BALLARD, Treasurer.

COLRAIN, MASS., FEB. 4, 1909.

I have audited the books and orders of the Treasurer of the Griswold Memorial Library Trustees, and find the same to be correct with cash on the Shelburne Falls National, and bonds on hand as above reported.

R. C. HILLMAN, Auditor.

Report of the Librarian

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE GRISWOLD MEMORIAL LIBRARY:—

Herewith is submitted the annual report of the library for the year ending Jan. 31, 1909.

During this year up to the middle of October the library was maintained in its old quarters and owing to the inadequacy of accommodations and supplies and irregularity of hours, it was impossible to keep an exact record of the work.

The circulation was quite up to preceding years and a branch library was kept at Christian Hill by Mrs. O. H. Taylor, which has done very good work in that locality.

About the middle of October the non-fiction was removed to the new library building and made ready for cataloging, while the fiction remained in the old quarters and was kept in circulation until Dec. 1.

November 1st the State Library commission sent Miss Louise Partenheimer, cataloguer of the Chicopee public library, to begin the work of cataloging our books. She remained two weeks and in that time made 1236 authors' cards and gave instruction for completing the work.

After her departure, through the kindness of Joseph Griswold, Miss Mary K. Weston, supply librarian of the Greenfield public library gave two weeks to mending and repairing the old books that could be so treated and in numbering and placing them on the shelves.

This work was done in time to open the Griswold Memorial Library, Dec. 12, 1908.

Since that time the librarian has completed the author cards of the catalogue with the exception of those for books received but not yet finally accepted and has made a complete shelf list of all books now in the library of sufficient value to be catalogued.

Until the opening of the new building the library has been open to the public every day in the week and every hour except on Sunday, when the time was limited to the hours between twelve and two.

The new library has been open every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, from two until five and from six forty-five until eight o'clock, afternoon and evening, and on Sundays from twelve to one o'clock.

From the opening of the library, Dec. 12, 1908 to Jan. 31, 1909, the library has been opened thirty days and during that time has been visited by 504 people, 32 of whom were from out of town.

CIRCULATION

During this time 616 volumes have been loaned under the following classifications.

Fiction, 399; juvenile, 142; periodicals, 30; philosophy, 2; religion, 5; sociology, 5; poetry, 8; fine arts, 1; geography, 5; biography, 6; history, 15. Total, 616.

PERIODICALS

The book committee have subscribed for the following magazines, which are kept in the reading room for one month and are then circulated like other books for the period of seven days to each family.

Monthly Magazines	}	Century, Harpers', Atlantic, Scribner's, Cur-
		rent Literature, Review, of Reviews
		Good Housekeeping

Weekly	}	Youths' Companion

Through the courtesy of one of the trustees we have the use of the following magazines:

Everybody's, American, Outlook and Harper's Bazaar.

BOOKS

When the books were called in a large number were found unfit for placing on the shelves. Some of these have been repaired sufficiently for this, some can be made fit by rebinding, others are past this, but while unpresentable in appearance can still be used for a time. This latter class have been placed in cases in the basement where they are accessible, but are not worth cataloguing. A number of them should be replaced as there is constant call for them.

There are now, in the library Jan. 31, 1909, in good condition, 853 volumes of classified non-fiction, 636 volumes of fiction, 116 juveniles—a total of 1605 volumes.

In this connection it may be well to state that a very large part of these wornout books are those which have been given us by other libraries that have discarded them. Very few are books purchased by the town.

REFERENCE BOOKS

The reference books purchased with the \$500.00 given by Mr. Frank D. Griswold of New York, in addition to the reference books already in the library, give us resources in this line not possessed by many larger libraries.

It is hoped that special attention will be given to the list of these books and that great use will be made of them.

TRAVELING LIBRARIES

We have had during the year as usual, the use of a traveling library sent by the Woman's Education Society of Boston, which is free to all, and twenty-five volumes from the Tabard Inn Library which are loaned for the small fee of three cents per week.

BINDING

Since this library was established no books have been rebound. They have been used as long as they would hold to-

gether as there has been no money appropriated for their repair.

Neither have we had any of our magazines bound though we have a large quantity on hand,

We have had gifts of bound volumes of magazines that have been of great use and the binding of our own magazines and the rebinding of books that are suitable would add much to our resources.

GIFTS

Gifts have been received by the following persons.

Frank Denison Griswold,	New York
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Inglis Stuart,	" "
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Joseph Griswold,	Greenfield. Mass.
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J. H. Sanderson,	" "
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Ansel Smith,	Colrain
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Lorenzo Griswold,	"
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Antes L. Spurr,	"
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Mrs. Dora Nelson,	Springfield
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A list of these books are appended to this report.

ACCESSIONS

We have added to the library during the year by purchase 55 volumes. A larger proportion than usual of these are fiction owing to the fact that our gifts have been largely non-fiction and we are perhaps the only small library in the state possessing less fiction than other classes of books.

It is hoped that during the coming year every family in town will realize that this beautiful library and its collection of books belongs to them personally if they will make use of the advantages offered. The reading room is open during library hours and every one is welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

KATHERINE H. CRAM, Librarian.

APPENDIX

(Giving list of books added to the Griswold Memorial Library during the year.

BY GIFT OF FRANK D. GRISWOLD OF N. Y.

GENERAL REFERENCE WORKS

New International Encyclopedia, 17 vols.
 Standard dictionary of the English language, 2 vols.
 Crane's Atlas of the world.
 Gazetteer of the world, 2 vols., Lippincott's
 Who's who in America,
 Who's who in England.

USEFUL ARTS

Bailey—Encyclopedia of agriculture. 3 vols.
 Wilcox—Farm animals
 Burkett—Cotton
 Card—Farm management
 Weir—The Poultry book
 French—The Book of vegetables
 Bailey—Principles of vegetable gardening
 " Practical garden book
 " Pruning book
 " Principles of fruit growing
 Ely—A woman's hardy garden
 Am. Tech. Soc.—Cyclopedia of applied electricity, 5 vols.
 Cotton cultivation, spinning and weaving, 2 vols.
 Bookkeeping, stenography and letter writing, 2 vols.
 Bevier—The house
 Elliott—Household Bacteriology
 " Household hygiene
 Dodd—Chemistry of the household
 Barrows—Principles of cookery
 Norton—Food and dietetics
 Terrill—Household management
 LeBosquet—Personal hygiene
 Pope—Home care of the sick
 Watson—Textiles and clothing
 Washburn—Study of child life
 Cotton—The care of children

SCIENCE

Brigham—Text book of geology
 Remsen—Principles of chemistry

Newcomb—Principles of astronomy
 Serviss—Astronomy with an opera glass
 James—Principles of psychology
 Standard Natural history
 James—Talks on psychology to teachers

FINE ARTS

Architecture and building construction, 1 vol.
 Ornamental design, 2 vols.
 Ruskin—Stones of Venice, 3 vols.
 " Modern painters, 5 vols.
 Muther—History of modern painting, 4 vols.
 Lübke—History of art
 Jénks—Photography for young people

LITERATURE

Carman—World's best poetry, 10 vols
 Brewer—Dictionary of phrase and fable
 Chamber—Encyclopedias of literature, 3 vols.
 Laine—History of English literature, 4 vols.
 Baker—History in fiction, 2 vols.
 Grainger—Index to poetry
 Brooks—Poetry of Robert Browning
 Dinsmore—Aids to the study of Dante
 Norton—Dante's Divine Comedy
 Shakespeare—Complete works, Ralfe edition, 40 vols.
 Keats—Complete poems
 Shelley—Complete poems
 Burns—Complete poems
 Longfellow—Complete poems
 Browning—Complete poems
 Mrs. Browning—Complete poems
 Matthew Arnold—Complete poems
 Stevenson—Complete poems
 Ingpen—ed. One thousand poems for children

MUSIC

Grove—Dictionary of music and musicians, 4 vols.
 Thomas—Famous composers and their music, 16 vols.
 Hughes—Famous American composers

RELIGION

Hastings—Dictionary of the Bible, 5 vols.
 McClintock & Strong—Cyclopedia of Biblical literature, 12 vols.
 Moulton—Modern Reader's Bible
 James—Varieties of religious experience.
 Bliss—Encyclopedia of Missions, 2 vols.
 Missionary biography, 17 vols.

TRAVEL

Burton Holmes—Travel lectures, 10 vols.
 Dodd—In the palaces of the Sultan
 Hamilton—Korea
 McClymont—Greece
 Schierbrand—Germany
 Nesbitt—Algeria and Tunis

HISTORY

McMaster's—History of the United States, vols. 6 and 7
 Lord—Beacon lights of history, 15 vols.
 Grote—History of Greece, 12 vols.
 Larned—History of Ready Reference, vol. 6.

YOUNG PEOPLE

Self culture, 10 vols.
 At mother's knee
 Fairy tales and legends
 Natural history and animal stories
 Exploration, travel and invention
 Morals, manners, customs, civics
 Sports, pastimes, physical culture
 Ideals of American history
 Our wonderful world
 Music, fine arts, drama
 Famous poetry, wit and humor

The Gift of Joseph Griswold of Greenfield.

FICTION.

Dickens—Complete works, 30 vols.
 Eliot—Complete works, 18 vols.
 Hugo—Complete works, 22 vols.

Stevenson—Complete works, 18 vols.
 Irving—Complete works, 15 vols.
 Kipling—Selected works, 3 vols.
 Mitchell—Dr. John's, 2 vols.
 Holland—Miss Gilbert's career
 Scudder—Book of legends
 Stuart Phelps—Gates ajar
 Stuart Phelps—Beyond the gates
 Atherton—The Conqueror
 Hale—If, yes and perhaps
 Ward—History of David Grieve
 Churchill—The crisis
 Griswold—Short stories
 Von Arnim—Elizabeth and her German garden
 Bunyan—Pilgrims' progress
 Ford—Story of an untold love
 Beecher—Norwood
 Mulhbach—Daughter of an Empress
 Allen—Reign of law

HISTORY.

History of the nations of the world, 30 vols.
 Thompson—History of Greenfield
 McCabe—Pictorial history of the world
 Abbott—Civil war in America
 Ellis—Popular history of the world
 Quackenbos—History of the United States, camp, field and hospital
 Pierce—Turkey and America

SOCIOLOGY.

Strong—Social progress
 Mill—Subjection of women
 Atkinson—Distribution of products
 Mulhall—History of prices
 Fowler—Wall street
 Weedon—Economic history of New England
 Boyce—American commonwealth
 Mulhall—Dictionary of statistics
 Griffin—Growth of capital
 Cooper—American politics
 King—World's progress

RELIGION.

Watson—Mind of the Master
 Earle—Sabbath in Puritan New England
 Stebbins—Moses and the Apostles
 Hitchcock—Religion and geology
 Munsterbergh—Eternal life

BIOGRAPHY.

Ridpath—Life and times of Gladstone
 Bailey—Life in Danbury
 Spofford—Three heroines of New England romance
 Wallace—Lives of Harrison and Morton
 Daniels—Moody, his words, works and workers
 Webster—Letters of Daniel Webster
 Curtis—Life of Daniel Webster
 Autobiography of John B. Gough
 Stone—Eminent women of the age
 Dunn Brown in the army

POETRY.

Whittier—Among the hills
 Whittier—Tent on the beach
 Tennyson—Locksley hall
 Holland—Kathrina
 Taylor—The picture of St. John

TRAVEL.

Truman—Semi-tropic California
 Bowles—Across the continent

MISCELLANEOUS.

Downing—Fruit trees of America
 Munger—On the threshold
 Cary—Home library of useful knowlege
 Bulfinch—Age of fable

Presented by Lorenzo Griswold

Griswold—Short stories

Presented by J. H. Sanderson, Greenfield

World's famous orations, 10 vols., William J. Bryan, ed.

FICTION.

Presented by Inglis Stuart, New York

Erkman-Chatrian—Blockade of Phalsburgh
 Mulock—A noble life
 Hale—In His name
 Niggin—Story hour
 Kingsley—Two years ago

POETRY.

Lounsberry—An Iseult idyll
 White—After noontide
 Browning—Ring and the book
 Robinson—Retrospect
 Mrs. Browning—Last poems
 Byron—Poems

RELIGION.

Watson—Companion of the sorrowful way
 Anon—Christ and His salvation
 Lascom—Unseen friend
 Campbell Morgan—Spirit of God
 Bethune—Fruit of the Spirit
 Drummond—Natural law in the spiritual world
 Maxims of St. Francis de Sales

TRAVEL.

H. H.—Bits of travel
 Schumacker—Across the Jordan
 McGregor—Rob Roy of the Jordan
 Taylor—Japan in our day
 Layard—Nineveh and its remains

BIOGRAPHY.

Anna Broadstreet
 In Memoriam of H. H.
 Smith—Spencer Kellogg Brown
 Smith—Barbizon days

SOCIOLOGY.

Campbell—Women wage earners

LITERATURE.

Emerson—Essays
 Carlyle—Past and present

NAT. SCIENCE.

Life of North America insects
 Proctor—Other worlds than ours
 Grant—Caribou

BIOLOGY.

Darwin—Descent of man

PHILOSOPHY

Boune—Philosophy of Herbert Spencer

Presented by Dora Nelson, Springfield

Nelson—The Shadow of a Cross
 Nelson—A strange marriage

Presented by Ansel Smith of Colrain

Biographical review of Franklin Co.

Presented by Mrs. Antes L. Spurr of Colrain

Commentary of the Bible

Books added by purchase

BIOGRAPHY.

Palmer—Life of Alice Freeman Palmer

PHILOSOPHY,

Hall—Youth
 James—Pragmatism
 Hyslop—Psychical research
 Worcester—Religion and Medicine

GENERAL.

Dana—Library primer
 Dewey—Abridged Decimal Classification

LITERATURE.

Masterpieces of the world's best literature, 8 vols.

FICTION.

Anon—Four pools mystery
 Benson—Sheaves
 Benson—A lord of lands
 Booth—The pest girl
 Barnes-Grundy—Hilary on her own
 Beach—The barrier
 Burnham—Leaven of love
 Brooks—Randy's prince
 Cutting—The Wayfarers
 Correlli—Holy orders
 Chamberlain—Coast of chance
 Carey—Angel of Forgiveness
 Coolidge—In the high valley
 Doubleday—Hemlock avenue mystery
 Douglas—Helen Grant—Senior
 Douglas—Helen Grant—Graduate
 DeSaix—Mystery of the four fingers
 Fox—Trail of the lonesome pine
 Glasgow—The ancient law
 Hall—Aunt Jane of Kentucky
 Henderson—The lighted lamp
 Kirk—Miss Betty of New York
 Knowles—The web of time
 Lutz—Marcia Schuyler
 Locke—The beloved vagabond
 Lincoln—Cy Whittaker's place
 Oppenheim—The great secret
 Oppenheim—A lost leader
 Pansy—Ruth Erskine's son
 Pansy—Brown's of Mt. Hermon
 Paull—Ruby's ups and downs
 Robbins—Come and find me
 Richards—The wooing of Calvin Parks
 Smith Hopinson—Peter
 Sholl—The greater love
 Tracy—The wheel of fortune
 Tompkins—Dr. Ellen
 Lounley—The bishop's emeralds

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

School Committee

—OF THE—

TOWN OF COLRAIN

—FOR THE—

Year Ending Feb. 1, 1909.

NORTH ADAMS, MASS.
WARREN J. CRAWLEY PRINT,
1909.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1909--1910

SPRING TERM—Begins March 29 ; ends June 18.

FALL TERM.—Begins August 30 ; ends December 17.

In the following schools the term will begin Aug. 23 ;
Christian Hill, Wilson Hill.

WINTER TERM.—Begins January 3 ; ends February 25.

VACATION.—December 18 to January 3.

HOLIDAYS.—Patriot's Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day,
Thanksgiving Day and the day following, Feb. 22.

School Committee.

EDWIN W. COOMBS, Chairman

JONATHAN E. DAVENPORT,

JOHN W. CRAM, Secretary,

AUSTIN R. PAULL, Superintendent.

Truant Officer.

FRED L. KENDRICK.

School Physician.

JOHN W. CRAM, M. D.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FELLOW CITIZENS :

We have the honor to present the following report for the school year ending February 1, 1909.

The expenditures for the year have been \$8,469.13, leaving a balance in the treasury to our credit of \$1,229.35.

Three hundred dollars was paid out of this year's resources for one term of high school tuition that rightly belonged to last year's expenses.

This would make a change of six hundred dollars in comparing this year's balance with that of a year ago. Through an error in giving the order, the payment for services of school physician was made by the Selectmen in connection with town officers. We would recommend for the coming year an appropriation of \$4,700.00 for schools, \$300.00 for School Superintendent and \$50.00 for School Physician.

Financial Statement.

RESOURCES.

Town appropriation for schools,	\$ 4700 00	
Town appropriation for Superintendent,	300 00	
Town appropriation for School Physician,	25 00	
Received from State school fund,	1258 41	
Received from State, High school tuition,	1035 00	
Received from State, rebate on acct. of Supt. of Schools,	200 00	
Received from Quintus Allen fund,	125 80	
Received from tuition of State wards,	24 00	
Received from dog fund,	82 14	
Received from tuition from town of Shelburne,	164 00	
Received from tuition from town of Halifax,	12 00	
Received from sale of supplies,	1 46	
Balance in treasury, Feb. 1, 1908,	1470 67	
	\$	9698 48

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Teachers,	\$ 4755 10	
Transportation,	606 00	
Supplies,	321 24	
Repairs,	127 74	
Fuel,	263 71	
Incidentals,	85 15	
Cleaning and care of school rooms,	172 19	
High school tuition,	1440 00	
Superintendent of schools,	655 00	
Truant officer,	8 00	
School physician,	25 00	
Supply agent,	10 00	
	\$	8469 13
Balance in treasury, Feb. 1, 1909,		\$ 1229 35

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

Paid Alice M. Stetson,	\$ 97 50
Lauria F. Wetmore,	362 00
Abbie M. Wetmore,	36 00

Paid Myra L. Hillman,	\$ 338 10	
Edith M. Smith,	291 00	
Mrs. Mary H. Jennings,	324 00	
Alice M. Thompson,	362 50	
Mildred M. Wood,	184 00	
Ida G. Bacon,	252 00	
Della M. Clark,	244 00	
Ella M. Stetson,	252 00	
Ellen J. Temple,	314 00	
Nettie J. Canedy,	299 00	
May C. Monahan,	104 00	
Louise M. Sesler,	288 00	
C. L. Brigham,	180 00	
Mrs. Philip R. Eldridge,	9 00	
Florence L. Thompson,	27 00	
Katherine E. Burke,	288 00	
Helen R. Cressey,	104 00	
Mattie H. Wiley,	199 50	
Mildred L. Davenport,	136 50	
Matie E. Niles,	63 00	
	—————\$	4755 10

TRANSPORTATION.

Paid Frank Galipault,	\$ 224 00	
W. R. Bridges,	172 00	
Amos Moro,	191 25	
Archie Stetson,	18 75	
	—————\$	606 00

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION.

Paid Arms Academy,	\$ 1,302 00	
Greenfield High School,	138 00	
	—————\$	1440 00

FUEL.

Paid Harry Bell,	\$ 20 38	
Albert Herzig,	24 00	
E. R. Cobb,	8 50	
George Mathys,	3 00	
Thomas O'Brien,	4 64	
E. W. Clark,	30 94	
M. B. Crozier,	22 00	

Paid Frank Herzig,	\$ 72 00	
H. D. Root,	42 00	
C. J. Moore,	10 00	
F. L. Kendrick,	20 00	
J. E. Davenport,	6 25	
	—————\$	263 71

JANITOR WORK.

Paid William Martin,	\$ 5 00
Eli Stone,	3 00
Dora Bennett,	4 80
May C. Monahan,	6 20
Alice M. Thompson,	5 80
Louise M. Sessler,	6 40
Mary Billiel,	1 20
Mildred La Pierre,	5 10
Emma Plant,	3 45
Hazel Revoir,	3 30
Nettie M. Canedy,	7 30
Earl Looman,	6 95
Gertrude Bell,	9 20
Katherine E. Burke,	9 60
Ida Carey,	2 40
Milton Brown,	3 84
Pearl Kendrick,	3 40
Esai Anger,	5 00
Mrs. I. N. Joy,	5 00
E. W. Coombs,	3 00
J. E. Davenport,	50
Mrs. Harry Bell,	10 00
Robert Miller,	50
Merl W. King,	6 00
Mary H. Jennings,	2 40
Lena S. Rabideau,	3 60
Alice M. Stetson,	2 40
Ida G. Bacon,	8 75
Mrs. Fred Bliss,	4 00
Mrs. de Longchamps,	2 50
Gottfried Schechterle,	7 75
Laurie F. Wetmore,	1 00
Nelson Joy,	1 20
Mattie Wiley,	7 15
Moses Coburn,	1 00

Paid Walter Couter,	\$ 1 20	
Emma O'Brien,	4 20	
Mildred Wood,	4 00	
David Archambo,	50	
Lefa E. Crozier,	1 20	
Kenneth White,	2 40	
	—————\$	172 19

REPAIRS.

Paid A. O. Davenport,	\$ 31 25	
A. R. Denison,	24 30	
J. A. Richmond & Sons,	64 00	
Laurie F. Wetmore	50	
H. Newell & Co.,	1 28	
C. W. Hillman,	1 37	
E. W. Coombs,	3 00	
J. E. Davenport,	2 04	
	—————\$	321 24

SUPPLIES.

Paid Edward E. Babb & Co.,	\$ 53 73	
Kenney Bros.,	8 90	
J. L. Hammett & Co.,	184 17	
Beals Press,	9 00	
Ginn & Co.,	27 63	
Milton Bradley Co.,	10 25	
Silver, Burdette & Co.,	12 00	
H. Newell & Co.,	10 25	
Holden Book Cover Co.,	6 56	
	—————\$	321 24

INCIDENTALS.

Paid Katherine E. Burke,	\$ 30	
Esai Auger,	2 10	
Helen R. Cressy,	7 00	
A. R. Paull,	24 10	
Edith M. Smith,	3 50	
F. H. Amsden & Co.,	2 17	
H. Newell & Co.,	94	
Carpenter & McDonald,	8 65	
Dennison & Smith,	5 43	

Paid James Carr,	\$ 1 00
Smith & Hillman,	7 55
Shelburne Falls & Colrain St. R. R.,	4 21
J. E. Davenport,	14
J. W. Cram,	13 48
F. A. Brown,	4 58
	\$ 85 15

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid A. R. Paull,	\$ 655 00
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TRUANT OFFICER

Paid F. L. Kendrick,	\$ 8 00
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SUPPLY AGENT.

Paid J. W. Cram,	\$ 10 00
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Respectively submitted,

EDWARD COOMBS,	}	School Committee of Colrain
JONATHAN E. DAVENPORT,		
JOHN W. CRAM,		

COLRAIN, MASS., FEB. 4, 1908.

I have audited the books of the School Committee and find the same to be correct.

R. C. HILLMAN, Auditor.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF COLRAIN:—

I have the honor to herewith submit to you, and through you to the citizens of Colrain, my second report as superintendent of schools.

This report is really the report of my first year's work in your schools, the report made last year being presented in less than two months after the beginning of my term of service.

The promise which I seemed to see then of loyalty and hearty cooperation throughout the school system has been abundantly realized, and so far as it is possible for me to judge there is no lack of cooperation anywhere.

I told you a year ago that I had no disposition or purpose to do anything revolutionary, or reactionary, and I believe that I have been true to that announcement.

In the doing of my work I have spent a large part of my time in the schools, where I have sought by close observation to get a clear idea of what was being done, and by fair and candid talks with the teachers to correct as far as possible those things which seemed to need correction. It is but fair at this point to say that the teachers have uniformly met whatever criticism has been made in the spirit in which it has been offered, and thus have we worked together, with mutual satisfaction and profit.

The Purpose of Education.

It is well for us at times to ask ourselves what we are trying to do, and what we ought to be trying to do. What is the purpose of education? May I quote from Sec. George H. Martin, from an address given before the Massachusetts Teachers' Association. "Education always and everywhere has two ultimate purposes. It is to get children ready to go alone. This

is the parents view point. Going alone means a great many things, but most important of all it means self-support, the ability to get a living.

The other purpose of education is to prepare children to do the world's work. This is the view point of the merchant, of the manufacturer, of the builder, of the farmer, of corporations, of all who are employers of labor. It is moreover the broader and more unselfish view point of the statesman who sees in education the preparation for citizenship and the safeguard of civil rights."

It is only very recently that the school has to any great extent endeavored to accomplish these objects. Its function has been held to be rather the fundamental one of putting into the life of the child the broad foundation which could be built upon in the schools, and educational institutions which follow the public schools, and which have as their more specific object the definite preparation of the individual for taking his place in the doing of the world's work.

And even now, when the school world as a whole is recognizing the fact that its responsibility is broader than it has been before realized it to be, and that it should so far as possible endeavor to do more really specific things, even now in the schools in our smaller communities it is not easily feasible to do very much of specific work along lines of industrial or vocational training.

But for us in these smaller communities of more limited privilege there is yet the opportunity to seek to develop in the individual those mental characteristics and those habits of life and of labor, which will enable him more easily to take his place in the world, and bear a good hand in its struggle.

We should seek to develop in the individual child the power of self-control and the ability for self-employment.

"The noblest lesson taught by life
To every great, heroic soul,
Who seeks to conquer in the strife,
Is self-control."

If one of the main purposes of education is the building of character, then it follows that training in self-control is one of the important functions of the work of the school. For possession of this power means a well-balanced, temperate reliable man; lack of it shows itself in intemperance, eccentricity, and instability.

It is not seldom that we hear comparisons made between the product of the schools of the present and those of the past, in favor of the latter. It is true that many noble and great men were the product of those schools. We have no disposition to deny it. But is not part of the secret here?

The teachers were untrained, the schools were crowded, the facilities were limited. The teachers had neither the time nor the ability to do much for the pupils individually, and so they were driven to do for themselves, that which too often in the modern school we do for them, to their loss.

It is true that many times in the modern school we go to the other extreme and carry the child in our arms instead of teaching him to walk alone. We would not go back to the old-fashioned school; but we would learn the lesson of self-employment which it certainly inculcated, and find out how to adjust that idea to our improved schools and our extended means of education. And this is what we mean to attempt in our work in the schools. To fit the child as well as we can to take his place in life, and to maintain it.

Teacher and Parent.

The old aphorism is familiar, "as is the teacher so is the school." And it is certainly true that the primary responsibility in the individual school rests upon the teacher of that school. There is however a mutual responsibility which rests upon the home and the school, which we desire to discuss here.

What may the home, or the parent, as the representative of the home, reasonably expect of the school, or the teacher as representing the school.

First, that she know her business. The parent has a right to demand that the teacher have academic knowledge equal to her work, and in preparation as the salary paid will warrant it, that she have knowledge of methods of instruction and experience in the work of the school. This is of course axiomatic.

Second, that during term time she make teaching her business. The teacher in her acceptance of a position, regardless of salary, which is known when the engagement is made, places herself under moral obligation to give her entire strength, physical and mental, to reserve all her nerve power for her school.

She must have some relaxation, some exercise, some pleasure. But these must only be such as recuperate the energy wasted in the school room, and not such as to put added strain on one who is already carrying a heavy enough load. Never should the teacher feel that the school is for her convenience, but always that she is the servant of the school.

Third, that she keep the home informed as to the progress or failure of the individual. The matter of reports is one of which teachers sometimes think that it is a heavy burden, which is unnecessarily placed upon shoulders already heavily loaded. We do not think that parents should expect mathematical reports or records of all work done, but intelligent and comprehensive reports from which a clear estimate may be made of the progress of the pupil. To these we believe the parent is entitled, without complaint on the part of the teacher.

Fourth, that she be at all times wise and tactful and courteous in her treatment of and dealing with the children. Many annoyances arise in the everyday work of the school, many things occur which put the tact and patience of the teacher to a severe test. But if she is to be a teacher her tact and patience must be equal to the need and she must be ever courteous to all pupils.

What may the teacher reasonably expect of the home, or the parent as representing the home?

The teacher is entitled to the personal acquaintance of the parent, and the intelligent, sympathetic cooperation of the home. The home too often knows the school, its work and methods, the attitude and personality even of the teacher, only through the medium of the child's estimation and interpretation, which is invariably sure to carry to the home distorted and prejudicial opinions. The teacher is entitled to an impartial, square judgment, and this can be established only by a personal acquaintance of the parent with the teacher and the school.

It is the teacher's right to receive courteous treatment both in the school and in the home in the presence of the children, provided always she extends that courtesy to others. The dignity and sacredness of her work forbid that she should be subject to abusive communications of any sort.

The responsibility for the progress of the pupil does not wholly rest with the teacher. The pupil should enter the school room fresh in body and mind, and not exhausted by late hours, or irregular and poor nutrition. When home study is necessarily required it devolves upon the home to establish habits of attention to such study, and as far as possible, to direct its accomplishment.

The matter of selecting teachers and of securing so far as possible the fulfillment of their responsibility to the home, is in the hands of the school authorities. On the other hand the school must deal with parents as it finds them.

We believe that on the whole our teachers are as well trained as we could expect to secure for the salaries paid. We believe that they are placing the school first, and are going to it each day with the bodies and minds not wearied by unwise use of time. We are endeavoring to give in the reports rendered each four weeks, a clear estimate of what the individual pupil is doing, educationally, and from a disciplinary standpoint. And we believe too, that with rare exceptions the teachers have handled the delicate problems of the school with tact and good judgment.

Nor have we in the school great reason to complain at the attitude of the home. Seldom is it that a home is found which endorses the pupil's rebellion against school authority. Our complaint would rather be that the parent leaves to the school and the teacher all the responsibility for the training of the child, a condition which we believe is not best for the child.

May the school and the home come nearer together and share the mutual responsibility of the education of the child.

The Work of the Schools.

There has been found no serious cause for dissatisfaction with the course of study under which all our schools are working. As we said a year ago it is decidedly well-balanced and well adapted to our conditions,

The only change of importance which has been made has been in the matter of penmanship, which was changed at the opening of the schools in September, a system of slant writing being introduced in place of the vertical writing which had been in use here for several years.

Many people feel, and justly we believe, that it is a misfortune for the children to be obliged to change the style of penmanship so often. And so it is. But the mistake was made when the vertical writing was first introduced.

We are among the last to change back to the system which has through the years proved to be the best from every point of view. The system which we are now using seeks to retain the legibility of the vertical, while in addition there is beauty in it, which added to the greater speed possible makes it more desirable.

It is too soon to make many if any comparisons. Teachers and pupils alike are making faithful efforts in its use, and considering the length of time it has been in use and the amount of attention which can be given to it, the results are very creditable.

The standards of the high schools of Massachusetts are high, and our high school is one of the best. Our course of

study for the grades is planned to adequately fit the pupil who covers it, for high school work. We view with much disfavor the disposition on the part of some parents to desire their children to drop out a year somewhere in the course of nine years. There are but few children who can do this and still enter high school with the proper development.

If the circumstances be such that the pupil can carry along the work of two grades at the same time, and so gain a year in time without loss of work that is essential, we have nothing to say against it.

Our policy will be to promote or demote pupils as they merit it, regardless of the time of year, but it will only be in rare instances that pupils will be able to skip a whole grade, and those instances will as a rule be in the lower grades. And in all cases of this kind we ask that parents allow the school authorities to be the judge of that which is best, and to believe that we will so far as we are able, do the best for every individual child.

We could well wish that a larger percentage of the pupils in some of the schools remained to complete the work of the grades, but perhaps this is too much to expect when all the conditions are considered. As it is we graduated from the ninth grades in all the schools last June fifteen pupils, as follows :

Margaret Browning	Milton G. Brown
Hazel P. Galvin	Walter R. Brown
Grace E. Hall	Frederick J. Call
Pearl Kendrick	William B. Call
Florence McClellan	Merle W. King
Milla L. Shearer	Wilfred LaPierre
C. Raymond Shearer,	Earl D. Smead

Fred F. Upton

Drawing.

In my report one year ago, I recommended that some plan be made by which drawing might be taught in the schools of Colrain with more definiteness and satisfaction to the teaching

force, which being untrained in the Normal Schools has not had the opportunity which has come to the teaching force in some places.

A plan was made by which one of our regular teachers who was a graduate of the Massachusetts Normal Art School was given supervision of the work. The plan was to have her meet the teachers from time to time and instruct them as she might be able ; also to furnish the teachers monthly outlines of work for their guidance.

That work was commenced in September and promised well. But through death in the family of the teacher she was obliged to resign her school, so the work in drawing was put back where it had been before. And yet not quite there, for the teachers had become interested and have been again and again asking about it in the months since the outlines ceased to be sent.

I would recommend that a series of text-books in drawing be put into the hands of the teacher as a guide for her in the work, and for that purpose would recommend *The Parallel Course Drawing Book* published by D. C. Heath & Co. This could be placed in the hands of the teachers at a comparatively small expense, and would be for them a permanent guide in the work.

Music.

Once or twice during the past year, criticisms, or perhaps I should say questions, have found their way to me, in regard to our work in music, the particular burden of the question being, does it pay?

I take this opportunity to say most emphatically that I believe that it does pay.

You yourselves have witnessed the public work of the children mentioned in the report of Mr. Brigham, and you know something of what they can do. Could you see and hear them in their schools I am sure that all questions would be answered.

It is true as Mr. Brigham says that natural talent in different localities varies from year to year, and it is also true that some teachers excel others in their handling of this subject.

But considering all conditions of talent and of teachers, I believe that under the present supervision and with the present system we are getting results.

Your attention is invited to the report of the supervisor which follows this.

Report of Supervisor of Music.

Mr. A. R. Paull, Superintendent of Schools :—

The study of music in the schools of Colrain has been continued along the same lines as before, some account of which I have given in a former report.

It is a pleasure to note the increased interest not only on the part of the pupils themselves, but on the part of parents and friends as well.

The results and benefits of this branch of public instruction have been demonstrated on many occasions during the past year, many of the children having taken part in the Memorial Day exercises, two cantatas having been given, and several children being members of different church choirs.

While conditions in the different schools are continually changing owing to pupils leaving school by graduation and for other reasons, also to the variation of natural talent present in different localities, still every child who remains at school for a reasonable period of time must at least obtain a knowledge of sight singing methods and some ability "to do", this of course being dependent on regular attendance and number of years remaining at school.

I again avail myself of the opportunity to thank both teachers and school officials for their kind co-operation and assistance.

Respectively submitted,

C. L. BRIGHAM,

Supervisor of Music.

. School Physicians and Medical Inspection.

Doubtless it has seemed to some, perhaps to many, that it was entirely unnecessary in a community like ours to have a school physician and to make a medical inspection of all pupils in our schools.

We must not forget that the statute law of the state requires the appointment of a school physician, and defines his duties.

The object of medical inspection is two fold. It is first to discover incipient cases of infectious disease, and by removal from school prevent the disease from becoming epidemic.

The second purpose as expressed in the law itself is, "to ascertain whether he is suffering from defective sight or hearing or from any other disability or defect tending to prevent his receiving the full benefit of his school work, or requiring a modification of the school work in order to prevent injury to the child or to secure the best educational results."

We have not yet begun to reap the benefits which we believe will surely come to us from a conscientious obedience to the law. The reaping of this benefit presupposes that parents will act on the recommendations of the school physician in regard to the treatment of their children, and that all his suggestions and requirements be fully carried out.

As the years pass we shall surely see the value of a thorough annual inspection of all pupils in our schools.

The School House Question.

The citizens of Colrain were kind enough to read that part of my report of a year ago in which I recommended the building of a new school house, and very graciously gave me the opportunity to present the case at the annual Town Meeting, where my recommendation that a committee be appointed to consider the situation, especially at Griswoldville, was adopted.

The committee appointed very kindly asked me to be present at its meetings, and the secretary gave me opportunity to read the report to be presented to the town at the coming Town Meeting.

I most earnestly hope that that report will have the attention it merits, and that its recommendations will be adopted this year.

I do not believe that the town of Colrain can afford to go on as it is going so far as educational efficiency is concerned. We are wasting the strength of our teachers, and are not doing for our pupils what we ought to be doing, of course I mean in the schools mentioned a year ago, especially Griswoldville and the Center.

The hardest worked teacher in town this year has been the teacher at the Center school, where one teacher has been doing the work formerly done with the help of an assistant one half of each day. I believe that the results have been as good under the present system as before, but the work cannot be permanently carried on as it is without great loss somewhere.

I know there is much interest in this question all over the town, and I sincerely hope that the people of the whole town will consider the situation fairly, and when the time comes to vote, that they will be willing to vote for that which seems best to those best qualified to judge.

While I have personal convictions as to what is the very best plan that could be adopted, I shall not urge those as

against what seems to those who are to pay the bills the best plan, but shall only urge that you do something worth while this year.

Roll of Honor.

The roll of honor presented herewith is on the same basis as that of last year. There is about the same number of names as on that of a year ago, which is very creditable considering the amount of sickness prevalent during the last school year.

The following pupils were not absent, tardy, or dismissed during the entire school year closing June 1908.

Louisa Finck	Ruth M. Graham
Rosa Finck	Merle W. King
Lydia LaValley	

The following pupils were not absent, tardy, or dismissed during two terms of the school year closing June 1908.

Mari Billiel	Walter LaValley
Elsie Coburn	Albina Miller
Frederick Coburn	Eddie Miller
Annie Finck	James O'Brien
Arthur Galvin	Thomas O'Brien
Marjorie D. Hale	Overlaw Pelletier
Pearl Kendrick	Frederick W. Sessler
Emma LaValley	Raymond Walden

The following pupils have not been absent, tardy or dismissed during one term of the school year ending June 1908.

Beatrice Ashton	Grace A. Joy
Erford Bernard	Nellie M. Kemp
Ezra Bickford	Merritt L. King
Charles Billiel	Arthur LaPlant
Milton G. Brown	Jennie Martin
Margaret Browning	Evelyn Mathys
Amos O. Bushey	Arthur Miller
Lawrence O. Bushey	Emma O'Brien
Robert B. Call	Annie Peters

Sarah E. Clark
 Joseph Coutu
 Lefa Crosier
 Grace Damon
 Gwendolen Damon
 Eunice Dunton
 Dorothy Fairbanks
 Louisa M. Hale
 Fred Herzig
 Gertrude Herzig
 Alta Joy
 Gladys E. Joy

Arthur Purrington
 Lucie M. Purrington
 Alice Rabedeau
 Lawrence Scott
 Olive Storms
 Vincie A. Temple
 Edna Thompson
 Charles J. Underwood
 Fred F. Upton
 James W. Warner
 Kenneth M. White
 Marion L. White

Attendance.

I must say frankly that I am disappointed in the report which I am able to make in regard to attendance. The per cent of attendance is the same as last year, taking the average of all the schools. But an analysis of the report reveals some interesting facts. Seven schools have a lower average than last year, while the average in six is higher. Two of the schools were not open last year hence no comparison is possible in those cases.

The record of the school at Shattuckville is worthy of your notice. With an average membership of twenty five and eight tenths, they maintained an average attendance of twenty five and four tenths, or 98.4 %.

There would seem to be no good reason why the other schools which are similarly located could not more nearly approach this record.

The evil of tardiness has been more prevalent than before and we believe it to be unnecessary that there should be so much of it. We believe that the parents can help us to check it, and shall count on them to do so.

Allow me to say in closing that whatever success has been attained during the year has been due to the very help-

ful attitude of teachers and school committee. I desire to thank most cordially all who have helped in any way in the making of the work of the year a delight and not a burden.

Respectfully submitted,

AUSTIN R. PAULL,

Superintendent.

Colrain, Mass., February 9, 1909.

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE, 1908.

SCHOOLS	TEACHERS	Terms	Wages per Month	Whole Number Enrolled		Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent of Attendance	Days of absence	Tardiness	Dismissed
				Boys	Girls						
Adamsville	Edna A. Davenport	3	\$26.00	25	8	19.13	17.95	94.1	231	102	15
Bardwell	Ellen J. Temple	3	32.00	12	4	14.04	12.23	87.2	314	83	8
Brick	Katherine E. Burke	3	32.00	6	6	9.66	8.55	89.	184	37	3
Center	May C. Monahan	3	26.00	19	23	34.63	32.47	93.4	380	266	25
	Alice M. Thompson	3	38.00								
	Mildred Wood, Asst.		10.00								
Christian Hill	Ella M. Stetson	3	28.00	9	5	11.36	9.89	87.1	268	15	15
Elm Grove	Ida G. Bacon	3	36.00	7	7	12.45	10.82	87.3	271	88	23
Foundry Grammar	Myra G. Hillman	3	36.00	20	11	28.55	26.12	91.5	672	44	19
Foundry Primary	Florence L. Thompson	1	36.00								
	Mary H. Jennings	2	36.00	24	18	36.15	31.62	87.4	869	43	18
Four Corners	Louise M. Sessler	3	32.00	7	7	11.04	9.99	90.	143	130	3
Griswoldville Grammar	Lura E. Hite	1	36.00								
	A. N. Wetmore	1	36.00	18	15	30.3	25.78	85.	737	232	6
	Helen R. Creesy	1	40.00	22	14	32.35	29.25	89.6	554	295	18
Griswoldville Primary	Edith N. Smith	3	34.00	16	11	25.8	25.4	98.4	58	31	27
Shattuckville	Laurie F. Wetmore	3	36.00	10	6	14.95	14.21	95.1	128	196	20
South	Nettie M. Canedy	3	32.00	7	6	12.08	11.	91.	171	30	8
Spurr	Della M. Clark	3	26.00	4	4	6.8	5.9	86.4	154	71	16
Wilson Hill	Alyce M. Stetson	3	26.00								
Totals,				206	145	299.09	271.18	90.1	5134	1663	224

Report of School Physician.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE :

At the last annual town meeting \$25.00 was appropriated for School Physician.

I have been through all the schools in town and examined every child present. I have found several cases of enlarged tonsils and adenoid growths in the throats of the pupils that should have surgical attention, and have recommended same to their parents.

I find the teeth to be sadly neglected with most of the pupils.

This is a subject that should receive more attention by parents, as the good health of a child may be largely impaired by poor teeth.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. CRAM, School Physician.

Report of Truant Officer.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE, COLRAIN

Sirs :—

Number cases investigated	24
Number out sick	15
Number kept out by parents	6
Number truants	3

All returned to school.

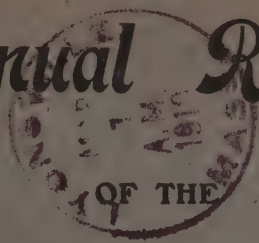
I am glad to report that there seems less truancy than for many years. I am very glad to see the improvement.

Respectfully yours,

F. L. KENDRICK,

Truant Officer.

February 10, 1909.



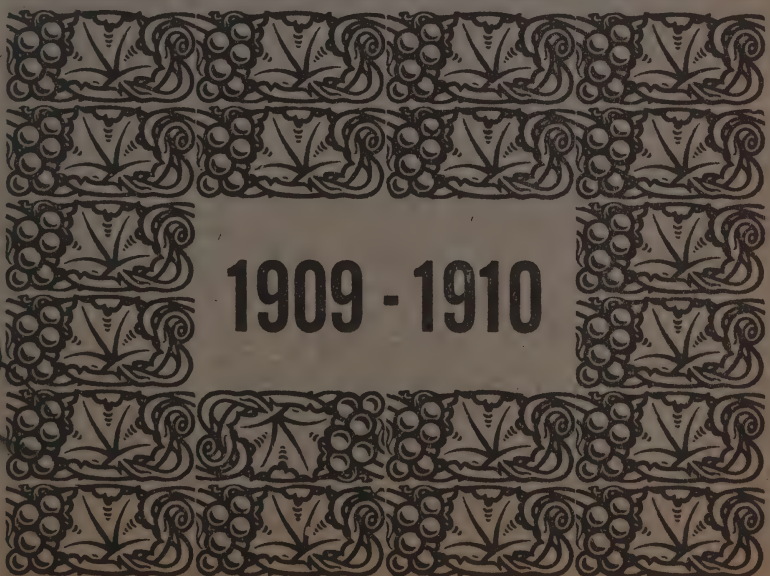
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Town Officers, 1909-1910.

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W. H. KEMP

C. W. SMITH

Assessors, Three Years

C. W. HILLMAN,
Wm. H. COOMBS,
J. E. BOWEN,

Term expires 1912
Term expires 1911
Term expires 1910

School Committee, Three Years

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J. E. DAVENPORT,
J. W. CRAM. M. D.,

Term expires 1912
Term expires 1911
Term expires 1910

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H. A. HALE,
J. D. GRAHAM,
J. E. DAVENPORT,
J. W. BALLARD,
J. W. CRAM, M. D.,
H. A. HOWARD,

Term expires 1912
Term expires 1912
Term expires 1911
Term expires 1911
Term expires 1910
Term expires 1910

Collector of Taxes

ALFRED R. DONELSON

Board of Health

H. W. THOMPSON

W. H. KEMP

C. W. SMITH

J. A. MATHER, M. D.

Overseers of the Poo

H. W. THOMPSON

W. H. KEMP

C. W. SMITH

Auditors

HUGH B. MILLER,

R. C. HILLMAN

Tree Warden

H. J. SMITH

Forest Warden

W. H. DAVENPORT

Public Weigher

JOHN C. THOMPSON

Sealer of Weights and Measures

C. N. CARPENTER

Constables

ROBERT HILLMAN

MILES SHIPPEE

C. N. CARPENTER

AUGUSTUS LA PLANT

Police Officers

J. M. LACHAPELLE

FRANK WALDEN

H. B. MILLER

FRED WARE

C. H. CALL

Fence Viewers

E. W. COOMBS

FRANK L. BROWN

EDGAR STETSON

Measurers of Lumber and Wood

E. J. PARKER

ALLEN F. SMITH

C. H. CALL

FRED W. PURRINGTON

F. W. DAMON

J. M. SHEARER

FRANK FIELD

C. N. CARPENTER

Field Drivers

G. T. MABERRY

GEO. WARD

RALPH PETERSON

CLARENCE McCLOUD

Pound Keeper

H. B. MILLER

Treasurer's Report.

1909.

DR.

Ferbruary 4, To cash on hand, ...	\$ 1035 80
Check, W. A. Davenport, account Bay	
State Construction Co.,.....	45 00
A. H. Temple, omitted assessment,...	7 50
A. H. Temple, taxes for 1908,.....	425 42
Shelburne Falls National Bank, tem-	
porary loan,.....	1000 00
Shelburne Falls National bank, tem-	
porary loan,.....	1000 00
Jacob Thompson, burial lot,.....	2 00
Shelburne Falls National bank, tem-	
porary loan, ...	2000 00
Quintus Allen fund, ...	150 00
Town of Greenfield account Fred Ariel	91 73
Town of Charlemont, account, Otis	
White, ...	29 50
J. M. Lachapelle, liquor license,.....	250 00
Shelburne Falls National bank, tem-	
porary loan, ...	1000 00
Rebate on insurance,.....	14 77
Pat Looman, butcher's license, ...	1 00
R. E. Purrington, butcher's license,...	1 00
State tuition of children,.....	14 50
Franklin Savings Institution, six year	
loan	4000 00
A. H. Temple, omitted assessment,...	8 00
State account, compensation inspector	
of animals,.....	44 50
H. Newell account, Supt. of schools,..	500 00
Town of Conway, support of poor,....	252 20
State treasurer, corporation tax,.....	915 38

State treasurer, National bank tax,...	\$ 313 11
State treasurer, state aid,.....	540 00
State treasurer, high school tuition,...	1116 00
Octave Chagnon, burial lot,.....	2 00
District court of Franklin, fines re- turned, ...	16 00
Frank Snyder, peddler's license,.....	1 00
Joseph Galifault, burial lot,.....	2 00
Mass. school fund, ...	1277 81
Town of Greenfield, Mrs. Fred Ariel,..	46 57
County treasurer, account dog fund,..	55 91
Town of Shelburne, tuition,.....	174 00
J. W. Cram, supplies sold,.....	50
A. R. Donelson, collector for 1909,....	13532 82
H. O. Scott, auctioneer's license,.....	2 00
	\$ 29,868 02

CR.

By school orders, paid,.....	\$ 10636 12
Selectmen's orders, paid,.....	17515 06
Assessors' abatements, ...	178 93
Cash on hand,.....	1537 91
	\$ 29,868 02

Town's Indebtedness.

Franklin Savings Institution, six year loan,	\$ 3350 00
	\$ 3,350 00
H. O. SCOTT, Treasurer	

COLRAIN, MASS., Feb. 7, 1910.

I have this day audited the books of H. O. Scott, Treasurer,
and find them correct.

H. B. MILLER, Auditor.

Town Clerk's Report.

		DR.	CR.
April 1.	To cash received for four hunters, licenses, ...	\$ 4 00	
	By paid state treasurer, ...		\$ 4 00
May 1.	To cash for one hunter's license,	1 00	
	By paid state treasurer, ...		1 00
June 11,	To cash for 70 dog licenses, ...	143 00	
	By paid county treasurer, ...		129 00
	By clerks' fees, ...		14 00
Oct. 1.	To cash for three hunters' licenses	3 00	
	By paid state treasurer, ...		3 00
Nov. 1.	To cash for 30 hunters' licenses..	30 00	
	By paid state treasurer, ...		30 00
Nov. 4.	To cash for 22 dog licenses, ...	47 00	
	By paid county treasurer, ...		42 60
	By clerk's fees, ...		4 40
Dec. 1.	To cash from five hunters' licenses	5 00	
	By paid state treasurer, ...		5 00
		\$233 00	\$233 00
Number of male dogs licensed,			74
Number of females, spayed,			16
Number of females			2
Total,			92

H. O. SCOTT, Town Clerk.

COLRAIN, MASS., Feb. 7, 1910.

I have this day audited the accounts of the Town Clerk and find them correct.

H. B. MILLER, Auditor.

Statistics from Town Clerk's Records.

Births recorded in the Town of Colrain for the year 1909:—

	Date.	Name.	Parents.*
Jan	6	Joseph Albert Dorris Fizset,	Dennis and Emma
	7	Minnie Lena Regay,	Joseph and Rose
	18	Albert Leroy Lively,	Wilfred and Mary
	20	Jola Herzig,	Benjamin and Lillian
	22	Rosalia Almina Angelina Parradie	Eli and Mary
	23	Lawrence Patrick Kennedy,	Lawrence and Blanche
	23	Ray Eugene Joy,	Irving and Marion
	28	Marion E. Petreault,	Edward and Emma
Feb.	20	Emily Annie Currier,	Edward and Clara
	21	Joseph Lavalley,	George and Rose
	22	Agnes Elizabeth Coburn,	Moses and Lena
	22	Leonard Francis Call,	Byron and Alice
Mar.	2	Beatrice Lea Stone,	Eli and Helen
	8	Russell Donelson Purrington,	Ross and Minnie
April	12	Raymond Gilbert Archambeau,	Felix and Maud
May	10	Stanley Sliver,	John and Mary
	14	Howard Malcolm Brown,	Frank and Elsie
	19	Leta Gladys Coburn,	Noah and Caroline
	22	Margaret May Stewart,	Charles and Sadie
June	13	Dorris Emma Clement,	Samuel and Emma
	15	Lawrence Thomas Edward Thompson,	Jacob and Agnes
	17	Raymond Edward Nichols,	Earl and Ethel
	25	John O'Brien,	Thomas and Emma
July	1	Richard Harold Streeter,	Albert and Josephine
	12	Alfred Arthur Laplante,	John and Lora
Aug.	8	Cassius Perry Miller,	Lewis and Alta
	14	Leola Delfrieda Revoir,	James and Lora
Sept.	5	Earl Desroches Lapierre,	Walter and Mary
	12	Josephine Eleanor Caron	Henry and Florence
	22	Ralph George Elwell,	Walter and Ethel

Date.	Name.	Parents.
Sept. 26	Arthur Earl Fisk,	Chester and Rose
Oct. 5	Gordon Leroy Shippee,	Deane and Bertha
7	Ernest Alfred Fortin,	Joseph and Lillian
16	George Henry Maberry,	George and Mary
27	Earl Henry Bresette,	Frank and Emma
Nov. 24	Richard Miller Apt,	William and Helen
28	Catherine Myrtle Bowen,	Fred and May
Dec. 2	Joseph Charles Demaris,	Peter and Cordelia
6	Mary Alice Antoinette Roy,	Joseph and Mary
13	Catherine Brownell M ^{rs} , <i>Wells</i>	Fred and Marion
24	Richard Frederick Duprey,	Samuel and Harriet
26 Males. 15 Females. Total, 41.		

Kindly report errors to the Town Clerk.

Marriages recorded in Colrain during the year 1909:—

Date	Names.	Residence.	By Whom and Where Married
Jan. 1	Levi O. Davenport,	Colrain,	Robert C. Bell
	Grace A. Davenport,	Granby, Mass.	Granby
21	Daniel D. Hillman,	Colrain,	J. D. Graham
	Theresa M. Shepard,	Colrain,	Colrain
Feb. 10	Chester Eugene Fisk,	Shelburne,	A. McD. Patterson
	Rose Leuscher,	Colrain	Shelburne
20	George Warren Damon	Hopedale, Mass.	N. M. Caton
	Mary Lillian Norton,	Colrain,	Colrain
22	Oscar J. Coutu,	Colrain,	H. Hamelin
	Georgiana Alix,	Willimansett, Mass.	Chicopee
May 19	Robin E. Crosier,	Colrain,	Robert C. Bell
	Cora Davenport,	Granby,	Granby
29	Norman Perras,	Colrain,	J. D. Graham
	Elizabeth Crockwell,	Colrain,	Colrain
June 16	Ralph W. Purrington,	Colrain,	W. A. Kilmer
	Estella E. Smith,	Colrain,	Colrain
Aug. 23	Louis Cousino,	Colrain,	Edward L. Judge
	Celestine Reil,	Colrain,	Colrain
25	Arthur Henry Streeter,	Colrain,	J. D. Graham
	Bessie M. Davis,	Colrain,	Colrain
30	Joseph Lavalley,	Colrain,	Edward L. Judge
	Elinor Cousino,	Colrain,	Colrain
Sept. 14	Frank L. Johnson,	Charlemont,	W. A. Kilmer
	Maud M. Purrington,	Colrain,	Colrain

Date	Names.	Residence.	By Whom and Where Married.
Sept. 19	Fredrick A. Winn,	Greenfield,	W. A. Kilmer
	Mabel F. Coy,	Greenfield,	Colrain
Nov. 13	Joseph Thompson	Colrain	J. D. Graham
	Gertrude Beaudry,	Colrain,	Colrain
16	Theodore L. Smith	Colrain,	Sampson Nichois
	Julia A. Bell,	Colrain,	Colrain
Total number recorded, 15.		Married in town, 11; out of town, 4.	

Deaths recorded in Colrain during the year 1909:—

Date.	Name.	Age in Yrs.	Mos.	Days.	Place of Interment
Feb. 12	Dorris E. Streeter	5		18	Branch cemetery
16	Jason W. King,	91	5	17	Branch cemetery
22	George Fariel,	27	11		North river cemetery
Mar. 7	Almond A. Thacher	76	5		Florida, Mass.
8	Mary A. Gates,	61	7	28	East Leyden
8	Dwight H. Brown,	74	11	19	Brick school cemetery
	12 Nathan W. Cramford,	75	8	14	Ashfield
May 22	Edwin R. King,	71	2		Branch cemetery
29	Oliver H. Taylor,	81	7	8	Branch cemetery
30	Ella E. Purrington,	49			Branch cemetery
June 3	Charles Perrault,	18	8		Arms cemetery, Shelburne Falls
	5 Ruby L. Mono,	8			North Heath
12	Helen T. O'Brien,	7	2	29	Greenfield
24	Elizabeth Cole,	84			Branch cemetery
25	Lucretia L. King,	66	1	26	Branch cemetery
29	Hoyt Dexter,	61	11	13	North River cemetery
	30 Hiram S. Meacham,	66	4		Branch cemetery
Sept. 16	William Stewart	89			Brick school cemetery
	24 Lawrence Thompson		3	9	Branch cemetery
Oct. 4	George R. Patterson,	84	7		North River cemetery
16	Frederick G. Schneck,	38	10		Branch cemetery
17	Marion E. Tetrault,	8			Arms cemetery, Shelburne Falls
18	Napoleon Chagnon,	1	3		Branch cemetery

Date.	Name.	Age in Yrs.	Mos	Days	Place of Interment
Nov. 16	Joseph W. Burrington,	80	2	12	Christian Hill cemetery
22	Antonio Wekurelis,	30			Branch cemetery
Dec. 17	Sylvia P. Albee,	5	5	14	Calvary cemetery Greenfield

17 Males. 9 Females. Total, 26. Removed from town for burial, 8.

Number over 90 years of age,	1
Number over 80 years of age,	5
Number over 70 years of age,	4
Number over 60 years of age,	4

Corrections made to the Town Clerk will be appreciated.

Selectmen's Report.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF COLRAIN:—

In presenting to you our annual report, we would first state the town's financial condition. You will see by our report that we have paid, including interest, \$3,317.07 on the town debt this year, and all the indebtedness there is against the town now is the six year loan of \$3,350.00 at the Franklin Savings institution.

We have for repairs on the iron bridges at Griswoldville and Shattuckville, \$379.16 and have expended nearly \$400.00 in graveling.

Our roads and bridges were in good condition last fall, but the heavy freshet in January changed conditions.

The bridge over North river on the road from James Galvin's to the Avery hill was carried off, and the abutment to one of the bridges on the Green River road was washed out, also some of the abutments to the small bridges have been damaged and will have to be repaired. We cannot give you a correct estimate of the damage until the frost is out of the ground, but at this time would estimate it from \$800.00 to \$1,000.00.

We have recommended \$2,500.00 for highways and bridges, but this does not include the new bridge to be built.

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Carpenter & McDonald.....	\$ 6 96
Levi Mitchell.....	45 00
M. M. Johnson.....	16 10
M. A. Long.....	2 00
Lewis Root.....	3 00
E. J. Tetreault.....	7 00
Wm. A. Davenport.....	33 00
John Galvin.....	3 25
L. R. Miner.....	60 00
H. E. Ariel.....	14 25
C. Finck.....	27 12
A. Larnard.....	9 75

D. Hillman.....	\$16 50
E. J. Parker.....	15 75
E. J. Parker.....	25 50
H. E. Ariel.....	16 50
L. R. Miner.....	61 00
A. J. Larnard.....	12 00
Lyman Faulkner.....	10 50
G. Gabriel.....	4 50
L. R. Miner.....	21 00
H. E. Ariel.....	5 25
D. Hillman.....	24 75
L. R. Miner.....	31 50
D. Hillman.....	20 25
E. J. Parker.....	17 25
F. Finck.....	3 00
L. Faulkner.....	30 00
G. Gabriel.....	29 25
Noah Shambo.....	42 00
A. Bellair.....	22 50
C. W. Hillman.....	75
J. Bellows.....	9 75
J. M. Shearer.....	91 46
A. Mann.....	42 75
H. J. Smith.....	95 00
A. Herzig.....	5 25
C. N. Carpenter.....	6 00
C. D. White.....	8 00
E. Sprague.....	1 50
A. B. Stetson.....	3 90
J. E. Bowen.....	11 68
L. Faulkner.....	22 20
L. Root.....	6 00
M. W. Mosely.....	4 00
Amos Stewart & Son.....	5 70
G. T. Maberry.....	12 58
F. Brigham.....	9 20
W. S. Carpenter.....	10 37
C. Finck.....	17 71
L. D. Faulkner.....	37 50
E. S. Alexander.....	40 66
Wm. D. Smith.....	6 00
D. Carey.....	3 45
L. Davenport.....	2 10
J. Looman.....	4 50
O. Call.....	8 35

R. Crosier.....	\$ 12 50
W. H. Bardwell.....	3 40
Byron Call.....	7 05
C. F. White.....	1 50
J. Bellows.....	4 50
Miner & White.....	3 85
C. W. Hillman.....	3 60
E. M. Dwight.....	8 20
F. Gilderdale.....	5 70
E. H. Underwood.....	3 00
J. M. Shearer.....	10 00
F. D. Thompson.....	3 25
C. M. Fairbanks.....	8 05
F. Herzig.....	25
C. J. Carpenter.....	54 33
M. M. Johnson.....	8 50
E. F. Copeland.....	19 40
F. W. Purrington.....	3 26
M. O. Nichols.....	3 95
A. Bell.....	3 50
C. Finck.....	3 85
Wm. Stacey.....	8 50
M. Thompson & Son.....	6 00
W. D. Smith.....	56 00
H. J. Smith.....	42 45
Elias Bardwell.....	1 05
Shelburne Falls & Colrain Street railway...	379 16
G. D. Stetson & Son.....	8 77
A. W. Hillman.....	5 55
W. R. Bridges.....	15 50
T. D. Williams.....	2 50
Marcy & Donelson.....	3 90
E. R. Cobb.....	6 00
C. A. Marcy.....	80
C. Maxam.....	1 50
W. D. Smith.....	14 90
M. A. Nelson.....	1 35
C. B. Dennison & Son.....	8 75
A. D. Hillman.....	1 75
H. J. Smith.....	265 00
A. N. Carpenter.....	1 80
E. Anger.....	1 50
T. R. Shearer.....	2 40
H. A. Dwight.....	5 75
J. B. Cromack & Son.....	11 50

R. M. Coombs.....	\$ 9 15	
M. Peterson.....	2 25	
H. W. Thompson.....	17 00	
Kemp & Fairbanks.....	13 40	
C. W. Smith.....	10 00	
New England Metal Culvert Co.....	140 47	
Total		\$2,330 09

SNOW WORK.

L. Baldue.....	\$ 1 00	
W. R. Carpenter.....	5 00	
W. W. Smith.....	2 00	
J. R. Looman.....	14 86	
Albert Herzig.....	21 00	
C. N. Carpenter.....	1 50	
C. W. Smith.....	3 30	
W. D. Smith.....	2 00	
A. L. Fish.....	5 00	
E. H. Underwood.....	12 15	
J. M. Shearer.....	4 80	
F. Herzig.....	5 00	
Elias Bardwell.....	6 45	
C. B. Dennison & Son.....	3 80	
A. N. Carpenter.....	1 40	
H. W. Thompson.....	5 00	
C. W. Smith.....	5 00	
Total		\$ 99 26

INCIDENTALS.

A. H. Temple.....	\$ 3 75	
E. A. Hall & Co., printing ballots.....	19 75	
Shelburne Falls & Colrain street railway...	80	
Warren J. Crawley, printing town reports..	99 25	
H. O. Scott.....	60	
Cecil T. Bagnall.....	4 50	
W. A. Davenport, in defending Bushy case.	89 65	
C. N. Carpenter.....	6 50	
Hobbs & Warren Co.....	2 88	
R. L. Hillman.....	1 35	
Colrain fire district.....	5 00	
Shelburne Falls & Colrain street railway...	3 92	
A. E. Kemp & Son.....	2 00	
Cecil T. Bagnall.....	1 00	
Shelburne Falls & Colrain street railway...	50	
Smith & Hillman.....	2 43	

Shelburne Falls & Colrain street railway...	\$	1	34	
Boston Nickel Plate Co.....		7	40	
Shelburne Falls & Colrain street railway...		1	08	
F. E. Marsh.....		1	50	
A. R. Donelson.....		4	25	
E. A. Hall & Co.....		1	50	
Colrain Electric Light Co.....	20	30		
Colrain Electric Light Co.....	5	00		
Colrain fire district.....	5	00		
C. N. Carpenter.....	1	90		
W. A. Johnson & Son.....	6	00		
A. J. Brooks, court fees.....	9	92		
R. L. Hillman, court fees.....	7	82		
Miles Shippee, court fees.....	6	54		
F. J. Canedy, M. D.....	2	25		
H. A. Smith.....	5	00		
J. A. Mather, M. D.....	2	00		
H. O. Scott.....	1	00		
H. S. Swan, chairs.....	7	50		
Thompson Bros.....		55		
J. E. Bowen.....		15		
Henry Fournier.....	4	85		
J. N. Cram, M. D.....	5	00		
A. E. Fairbanks, wood.....	16	76		
North Adams Blank Book Co.....	3	35		
H. O. Scott.....	16	60		
H. O. Scott, recording births, deaths and marriages	28	70		
J. B. Clark.....	1	55		
W. S. Allard.....	2	75		
W. H. Coombs.....		47		
H. W. Thompson.....	1	00		
W. H. Kemp.....	4	60		
C. W. Smith.....		50		
E. A. Stevens, 1-4 liquor license.....	62	50		
Total				\$ 495 11

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid R. C. Hillman, auditor.....	\$	15	00
F. W. Purrington, registrar.....		10	00
M. M. Johnson, sexton.....		6	00
A. H. Temple, tax collector.....		140	00

Paid O. D. Kemp, sexton.....	\$ 2 00
J. D. Gilchrist, inspector of meats.....	35 00
J. D. Gilchrist, inspector of meats.....	40 00
C. W. Hillman, assessor.....	20 00
C. L. Brigham, ballot clerk.....	2 00
J. D. Gilchrist, inspector of meats.....	35 00
D. W. Snow, ballot clerk.....	4 00
A. R. Donelson, tax collector.....	50 00
J. D. Gilchrist, inspector of meats.....	50 00
W. H. Davenport, forest warden.....	8 70
C. W. Hillman, assessor.....	31 25
R. L. Hillman, teller.....	2 00
C. N. Carpenter, sexton.....	4 00
C. N. Carpenter, constable.....	8 00
M. M. Johnson, sexton.....	4 00
Elias Bardwell, registrar.....	8 00
J. A. Mather, M. D., agent board of health	57 20
J. E. Bowen, assessor.....	46 25
A. L. Dennison, teller.....	2 00
H. B. Miller, teller.....	6 00
J. B. Clark & Son, hearsemen.....	18 00
J. E. Davenport, sexton.....	28 00
J. E. Davenport, moderator.....	2 00
J. E. Davenport, school committee...	50 00
O. D. Kemp, sexton.....	2 00
C. T. Avery, ballot clerk.....	2 00
J. W. Cram, M. D., school committee..	50 00
J. W. Cram, M. D., secretary of school board	10 00
A. R. Donelson, tax collector.....	30 00
A. R. Donelson, tax collector.....	60 00
W. H. Coombs, assessor.....	50 00
H. A. Hale, school committee.....	50 00
H. A. Hale, ballot clerk.....	2 00
H. O. Scott, clerk and treasurer.....	100 00
H. W. Thompson, selectman, over- seer of poor and board of health..	90 00
W. H. Kemp, selectman, overseer of poor and board of health.....	90 00
W. H. Kemp, clerk of board.....	10 00
C. W. Smith, selectman, overseer of poor and board of health.....	90 00
Total	\$ 1,322 40

TOWN DEBT AND INTEREST.

Paid Franklin Savings institution.....	\$ 732 52	
Shelburne Falls Savings bank.....	1,395 00	
Greenfield Savings bank.....	1,050 00	
Shelburne Falls Savings bank.....	34 80	
Greenfield Savings bank.....	26 25	
Shelburne Falls National bank.....	87 50	
Total		\$ 3,317 07

Paid Shelburne Falls National bank, temporary loan.....	\$ 5,000 00	
State highway tax.....	106 65	
County tax.....	1,494 59	
State tax.....	990 00	
Colrain fire district.....	390 87	
State aid.....	484 00	
Joseph Ballard, treasurer of Griswold memorial library.....	250 00	
Indigent soldiers.....	74 00	
Memorial day.....	50 00	
Security bonds.....	20 00	

RESOURCES OF TOWN

Due from state on account of state aid.....	\$ 484 00	
Due from Colrain fire district.....	54 03	
Due from state on account of inspection of animals	47 63	
Due from town of Buckland on account of John Peters.....	7 25	
Due from town of Williamstown on account of Mrs. Walter Stoddard.....	188 96	
Due from town of Pittsfield on account of Mrs. Grace Douglas.....	50 50	
Total		\$ 832 37

INVENTORY OF TOOLS.

1 crusher and elevator,
2 screens and electric motor,
12 shovels,
4 steel bars,

4 wheelbarrows,
 4 hoes,
 4 picks,
 1 road machine,
 1 log chain,
 Seals for weights and measures,
 1 case for weights and measures,
 3 safes,
 1 derrick,
 1 plow,
 1 hand scraper,
 2 bookcases,

RECAPITULATION.

Amount Appropriated.		Amount Expended.
\$2,500 00	Highways and bridges.....	\$ 2,330 09
600 00	Incidentals	495 11
800 00	Support of poor.....	989 92
700 00	State aid.....	484 00
1,200 00	Town officers.....	1,322 40
1,500 00	County tax.....	1,494 59
1,400 00	State tax.....	990 00
250 00	Griswold Memorial library.....	250 00
50 00	Memorial Day.....	50 00
	Snow work.....	99 26
\$1,200 00	Town debt and interest.....	3,317 07
	Colrain fire district.....	390 87
25 00	Security bonds.....	20 00
	Temporary loan.....	5,000 00
110 00	State highway tax.....	106 65
300 00	Old bills.....	
	Indigent soldiers.....	74 00
	Total	<u>\$17,413 96</u>

We would recommend the following appropriations for 1910:

Highways and bridges.....	\$ 2,500 00
Support of poor.....	800 00
Town officers.....	1,200 00
County tax.....	1,500 00
State tax.....	1,000 00

Town debt and interest.....	\$	800	00
Old bills.....		200	00
Memorial Day.....		50	00
State aid.....		500	00
Incidentals		600	00
Indigent soldiers.....		100	00

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. THOMPSON,	}	Selectmen
W. H. KEMP,		of
C. W. SMITH,		Colrain.

Report of Overseers of Poor

Fred Ariel; belongs to Greenfield:—

Paid Smith & Hillman.....	\$	12	62	
C. N. Carpenter.....		3	00	
J. W. Cram, M. D.....		5	00	
				\$ 20 62

Frank Southworth:—

Paid Moses Coburn.....	\$	52	00	
Moses Coburn.....		52	00	
Smith & Hillman.....		2	00	
Moses Coburn.....		52	00	
Moses Coburn.....		52	00	
				\$ 210 00

John Peters; belongs to Buckland:—

Paid J. W. Cram, M. D.....	\$	5	00	
Dennison & Smith.....		2	25	
				\$ 7 25

Mrs. George Streeter:—

Paid town of Greenfield:—.....	\$	93	19	
J. R. Sharron, M. D.....		8	00	
Town of Greenfield.....		53	25	
				\$ 154 44

Henry Miller:—

Paid Emory Miller.....	\$	12	00	
J. A. Mather, M. D.....		18	00	
				\$ 30 00

Mrs. Walter Stoddard; belongs to Williamstown:—

Paid J. A. Mather, M. D.....	\$ 38 50	
H. O. Scott.....	84 84	
H. O. Scott.....	40 08	
H. O. Scott.....	19 54	
W. H. Kemp.....	3 00	
C. W. Smith.....	3 00	
		\$ 188 96

Fred Vincent:—

Paid Dennison & Smith.....	\$ 74 00	
J. W. Cram, M. D.....	5 20	
		\$ 79 20

Helen L. Carey:—

Paid Monson state hospital.....	\$ 35 28	
		\$ 35 28

Eliza Ariel, belongs to Greenfield:—

Paid Thompson Bros.....	\$ 18 00	
Thompson Bros.....	28 57	
		\$ 46 57

Mrs. Mary Johnson:—

Paid J. N. Miner.....	\$ 37 50	
J. A. Mather, M. D.....	7 00	
J. N. Miner.....	20 00	
		\$ 64 50

Cyrial Maynard:—

Paid J. A. Mather, M. D.....	\$ 8 25	
		\$ 8 25

Mrs. H. M. Underwood:—

Paid J. W. Cram, M. D.....	\$ 3 50	
		\$ 3 50

Mrs. Grace Douglas and children; belongs to Pittsfield:—

Paid J. W. Cram, M. D.....	\$ 45 00	
C. W. Smith.....	5 50	
		\$ 50 50

Mrs. Daniel Carey:—

Paid J. W. Cram, M. D.....	\$ 69 60	
		\$ 69 60

Frazier Carey:—

Paid town of Wendell.....	\$ 21 25	
		\$ 21 25

Total for support of poor,		\$ 989 92
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Respectfully submitted,

H. W. THOMPSON,	} Overseers of Poor.
W. H. KEMP,	
C. W. SMITH,	

COLRAIN, Feb. 8, 1910.

I have this day audited the books and receipts of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor and found the same correct.

H. B. MILLER, Auditor.

ASSESSORS' REPORT

	PERSONAL	REAL
Auger, E.		\$ 500
Apt, W. H.	\$ 265	1650
Alexander, Ed.	490	2275
Avery, Clark	875	2800
Ariel, Henry		600
Avery, Frank	735	2300
Allard, William	400	2080
Archanbo, Noah	610	1100
Ashton, Arthur	135	1200
Ashton, William	100	100
Bellows, Charles	95	870
Bellows, Jamie	60	
Browning, Horace	625	2475
Bushey, Henry		650
Brown, O. M.	715	2100
Bardwell, Elias	325	1500
Babbitt, Martha	205	200
Bridges, William	525	1550
Bell, Mrs. J. A.		525
Buckley, Geo.	350	
Buckley, Adelbert	400	
Buckley, Frank	100	
Barnes, Walter	515	1700
Bardwell, William	740	1925
Boldie, Lawrence & Son,	550	700
Brown, Frank L.	930	2640
Boothe, Erastus E.	125	900
Brigham, Frank	705	1525
Burrington, Miss Grace	160	
Burrington, Warren		800
Brown, Frank A.	1850	865
Bolton, Edward		800
Bennett, Joseph	25	1359
Bell, Ida	110	
Bell, Harry		500
Ballard, Joseph	1840	

	Personal	Real
Brigham, Clarence	\$ 510	\$ 2300
Bowen, John E.	270	950
Brown, Dwight		1100
Bell, Ansel	75	
Benard, Fred		300
Buck, Adelaide		250
Balyle, Louis		550
Baptist Society		1000
Boothe, Mrs. Nora		600
Cromack, James	1095	3250
Carpenter, James	535	960
Carpenter, Arthur	115	
Cromack, Henry	645	1900
Clark, E. and Mrs. Fisher	825	900
Clark, Mrs. Joel		250
Coombs, R. M.	935	3800
Coombs, E. W. & Son	615	1850
Coombs, W. H.		100
Clark, J. B. & Son	605	1700
Cranford, Mrs.		400
Crosier, Melvin B.	210	800
Carpenter, E. Julius	3400	
Carpenter, Newton	260	1850
Call, William		350
Call, Mrs. Hannah	370	750
Churchill, Fred	75	440
Clark, Mrs. Fidelia		600
Call, Byron	190	1250
Coburn, Moses	700	2250
Carey, Whiting & Son	4750	50
Carey, Whiting	220	3025
Carey, Herbert	1250	
Copeland, Edgar	1245	3300
Clement, Samuel	95	250
Carpenter, Warren	195	950
Cobb, Mrs. Sarah C		300
Cobb, Edwin C.	350	
Crosier, Robin	25	550
Cram, John W.	350	2550
Coburn, Ben		100
Cary, Daniel	40	300
Carr, James H.	255	610
Cromack, Frank	405	1130
Cromack, Charles	265	875

	Personal	{Real
Cole, James W.		1000
Coburn, Peter	100	1000
Coombs, Calvin	1495	2975
Coburn, Noah	10	475
Call, Orson	370	900
Collis, Matt	260	525
Congregational Society		1000
Dennison, Chas. & Son	525	500
Day, Samuel	270	700
Dobias, John, Sr.	490	950
Dunton, Louis		640
Donelson, Herbert	1205	2400
Damon, Fred	1875	100
Donelson, Charles	1165	3500
Dunnell, Frank	605	1950
Donelson, Arabella		750
Daniels, Dora		350
Davenport, Albert	255	1150
Davenport, Johnathan E.	935	3100
Davenport, William	440	1325
Davenport, Levi	230	575
Dupery, Michael	40	
Donelson, W. H.		1050
Dexter, Hoyt		1375
Dennison, Henry		800
Dewey, Henry		675
Dwight, Edgar	940	3000
Dwight, Henry	640	1600
Dennison, E.		75
Dennison and Smith	4350	
Fairbanks, Frank	200	500
Fairbanks, Lester	125	
Faldine, Peter	10	1450
Faulkner, Lyman	175	600
Fairbanks, Oscar		400
Fortin, Henry	50	
Fish, Arthur	650	900
Finck, Christian, Sr.	735	1325
Field, Frank	420	
Fairbanks, Charles	535	1540
Graham, John	180	
Galipo & Coute	185	1500
Galipo & Lively	495	900
Galipo, Frank	255	850

	Personal	Real
Gilchrist, John	\$ 50	
Gilderdale, Harry	155	
Gregory, Willian	150	
Galvin, James A.	850	\$ 2650
Galvin, John P.	70	900
Gabriel, John	25	
Griswold Mfg. Co.	77225	63150
Griswold, Lorenzo	9339	
Houghtlim & Shearer	280	750
Harris, Lawrence	855	3100
Harris, Seymore	343	
Howard, James H	825	1800
Hillman, Charles	330	810
Hinsdale, Ariel	155	1300
Hillman, Alfred	830	925
Hathaway, Geo.		600
Herzig, Benj.	25	475
Horan, Anthony	345	725
Herzig, Rudolph	430	1290
Herzig, Albert R.	410	610
Herzig, Frank	495	1380
Hillman, Dean	95	400
Herzig, Philip	405	1350
Howard, Henry	135	75
Hager, Leon	320	700
Johnson, Samuel	380	1500
Jurick, Joseph	475	2500
Johnson, Everett	560	2080
Joy, Irving	190	110
Jeffords, Myra		110
Kemp & Fairbanks	1290	3550
King, David	10	
Kemp, O. D.		730
Kendrick, Fred	275	1975
Kemp, Horace	200	750
Kelley, Walter	35	450
Luchius, Rudolph	420	1760
Looman, James	270	1000
Lynde, Gilbert	345	850
Lynde, Cleveland	50	165
Larabee, Hart	690	
Lachapelle, Joseph	1380	6500
Looman, Patrick	500	1575
Looman, Michael	150	1000

	Personal	Real \$ 575
Lamorie, Nelson		
Lapier, William	\$ 10	
Lusty, Charles	410	1175
Lusty, David	40	725
Lively, Joseph, Sr.	470	900
Lively, Joseph, Jr.	815	1900
Levett, James	3500	
Looman, Thomas		150
Lusty, Geo.		325
Miller & Hale	375	900
Martin, Robert	435	2320
Miner & White	920	2150
Miner, John & Son		400
Morton, George	470	1400
McGee, Clarence	290	850
McCullen, George	265	
Maberry, George	355	1775
McGee,	200	
McGee, Emeli, heirs		750
Massamett Mills	1800	14680
Marcy, Donelson & Carter	5000	5630
Marcy, Charles,	1675	3550
Meechan, Hiram	225	
Mora, Amos	265	800
Miner, Joseph	75	400
Miller, Robert	370	1925
Maynard, W.		150
Moore, Charles	255	1100
Miller, Hugh	850	2075
Mather, John	425	2300
McCloud, Frank	310	1325
McCloud, Clarence	1125	
Merrifield, Fred	2260	3685
Maxam, Charles	255	1165
McClellen, Mrs. James		1000
Methodist Society		1000
Nelson, Mary	345	550
Nichols, Oscar	110	300
Noyes, Charles	1755	3450
Nichols, Leroy	165	
Nichols, Millard	420	1450
O'Brien, Thomas	150	2200
Ormand, Richard	190	1450
Provoich, Stanley	410	1300

	Personal	Real
Purrington, Nelson	\$1455	\$1900
Purrington, George	300	
Purrington, Fred	6765	3250
Parker, Elwin J.	245	1000
Pitt, George	185	1500
Pickett & Elwell	885	2200
Paterson, George	120	
Patterson, Miss Mary		100
Purrington, Ross	815	2100
Porter, Rufus	160	625
Peterson, Ralph	215	2200
Purrington, Jess	175	75
Purrington, Hosia	70	800
Pierce, George	645	2500
Peltier, Ephriam	260	
Peters, Herbert	50	600
Pierce, Mrs. David	160	1300
Peterson, Myron	690	1800
Purrington, Frank	65	
Rice, Mrs. Clara		400
Revior, Peter	180	
Reed, Mrs. Augusta		1300
Roberts,	40	
Reil, Overly	30	600
Russell, Mrs. Mary	1000	
Richards, Thomas	260	550
Roberts, Charles	310	1580
Root & Stewart	970	2650
Reil, Fred	430	900
Russell, Miss Nettie, heirs		800
Root, Lewis		225
Shelburne & Colrain St. Railway		3300
Sheettile, Godfrey	35	450
Starkey, Fred	280	400
Smith, Charles W.	1250	4250
Smith, Allen		2100
Shaw, Miss Kate		500
Smith, E. & Son	120	1350
Smith, Henry J.	600	3750
Smith, Elial B.	50	1625
Smith, Will D.	130	
Shippee, Miles	55	200
Streeter, Arthur	75	
Stacy, William	155	650

	Personal	Real
Spur, Mrs. Antis		\$1295
Stowe, Byron A.	\$ 545	
Stowe, Mrs. Minnie		1500
Stetson, George & Son	695	2600
Stone, Eli	115	800
Smith, Will W.	1750	4325
Stewart, E. B.	250	650
Shearer, Mrs. John	75	1100
Sessler, William	400	1150
Sliver, John	200	1075
Stowe, Carlisle	1220	1400
Smith, A. C. & Son	95	2350
Smead, Thomas	360	2300
Sturtevant, John P.	220	1100
Stone, Samuel	135	1400
Scott, H. O. & Son	2235	2000
Stetson, Archie	540	1400
Snyder, Frank		750
Smith, Wayne	40	
Stone, Moses		350
Smith & Hillman		1975
Stewart, Amos & Son	595	1925
Temple, A. H. & Son	80	1400
Temple, Seth E.	1090	3900
Thompson, Mrs. Frank	190	
Thompson, Levi	935	1600
Thompson Bros.	3200	
Thompson, Hugh	880	1600
Thompson, Gurdin	210	1200
Thompson, Fred M.	400	1800
Thompson, Jane		500
Tinkham, Joseph	30	1000
Teatreault, Edward	635	1750
Thomas, Lucius and Julia	600	885
Thompson, Milo & Son	810	2200
Underwood, Efford H.	270	600
Upton, Frank		575
Williams, Titus	255	1500
Ward, George	50	525
White, C. D.	275	
White, Mrs. Ida	275	
White, Charles F.	865	1950
West, George	480	
White, George F.	850	535

	Personal	Real
York, Heman J.	\$120	\$600
Zraning, Joseph	25	450

NON RESIDENTS

Ballard, Chas., Charlemont		\$ 500
Davenport, W. W., Administrator, Greenfield		3100
Handforth, H. estate, Greenfield		600
Johnson, Louis heirs, Charlemont		700
Johnson, A. C., Charlemont		200
Jeffords, Charles, Greenfield		250
Kockuski, John, Leyden		850
Kinsman, W. C., Shelburne Falls		300
Lowe, Ira C., Gardner	25	1800
Loomis, Austin, Amherst		500
Lynde, Bert, Brattleboro		60
Long, Miranda, Shelburne		500
Leach, Whitman, Charlemont		500
Nelson, A. O., Greenfield		150
O'Brien, D. G., Greenfield		200
Purrington, M. S. & Son, Buckland		300
Poulin, A. W., Greenfield		700
Purrington, O. D., Providence, R. I.		3050
Peterson, Chas., New Jersey		1200
Robinson, Mrs. C. H., New York		1000
Richmond, A., Charlemont		350
Richmond, H., Charlemont		350
Snow, Chas. heirs, Greenfield		150
Shearer, Thomas, Shelburne		1850
Sickmund, Mrs. Wm., Torrington, Ct.		275
Shearer, Mrs. Hattie, Shirley		225
Steele, George, Shelburne Falls		70
Shaw, Elijah B. heirs, Shelburne Falls		125
Stanton, Frank, Greenfield		270
Wheeler, Will, Vermont		100
Sessler, Fred, Greenfield		500
Howe, Chas., Adams	200	
Tribe, Thomas, Shelburne Falls		50
Upton, Fred, Agawam		250
Van Valkenberg, Chester, Shelburne Falls		100
Worden, Chas., Halifax	545	375
Woodard, E. G., Halifax		150
Ware, Eben, heirs, Shelburne Falls		500
Yell, Paul, Shelburne Falls		150

TABLE OF AGGREGATES

Number of polls assessed,	465
residents assessed on property,	359
Non-residents assessed on property,	56
Horses assessed,	378
Cows assessed,	786
Sheep assessed,	1044
Neat cattle assessed,	585
Swine assessed,	146
Dwelling houses,	326
Value of personal estate,	\$237,749 00
Value of real estate,	437,570 00
Total,	\$675,319 00

Rate: \$18 per \$1,000 00.

CHAS. W. HILLMAN, Chairman,	}	Assessors.
JOHN E. BOWERS, ...		
W. H. COOMBS, Clerk.		

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF GRISWOLD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Report of the Treasurer.

RECEIPTS

Feb. 4, 1909, cash on hand.....	\$ 61 76	
Receipts, old bookcases	9 00	
Bonds	555 00	
Fine money.....	5 00	
Town of Colrain.....	250 00	
Hay.....	3 50	
		\$ 884 26

EXPENDITURES

Paid on secretary's orders.....	\$ 711 11	
To maintenance account.....	135 00	
Cash on hand.....	38 15	
		\$ 884 26

MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

Feb. 4, 1909, cash on hand.....	\$ 42 50	
Receipts from bonds as above.....	135 00	
Interest accrued.....	2 10	
		\$ 179 60
 Paid on secretary's orders.....	 \$ 35 50	
Cash on hand.....	144 10	
		\$ 179 60

The library fund has been further increased by the gift from Mr. Joseph Griswold of one thousand dollars deposited in the Franklin Savings institution, the income from which is to be used for the purpose of bonding the treasurer of the library.

J. W. BALLARD, Treas.

EXPENDITURES

Paid books and magazines.....	\$206 32	
Binding books and magazines.....	51 17	
Incidentals	112 85	
Janitor	96 00	
Fuel	92 35	
Librarian's salary.....	150 00	
Lighting	37 92	
		\$746 61

Respectfully submitted,

JONATHAN E. DAVENPORT,	}	Library
JOSEPH W. BALLARD,		
HENRY A. HOWARD,		
JOHN D. GRAHAM,	{	Trustees.
HERBERT A. HALE,		
JOHN W. CRAM, Sec'y.		

Colrain, Mass., Feb. 12, 1910.

I have audited books and receipts of Griswold Memorial Library trustees and find the same correct.

H. B. MILLER, Auditor.

Report of the Librarian

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE GRISWOLD MEMORIAL LIBRARY:—

Herewith is submitted the annual report of the library for the year ending Jan. 31, 1910.

This first year in our new building has been a very pleasant and successful one. The work of the library has been established and carried on according to the system used in most of the libraries in the state, adapted as much as possible to the special needs of our own town.

The library has been open each Wednesday and Saturday from three to five and from seven to eight thirty, and on Sundays from twelve to one. These hours and days have seemed to satisfy every requirement, except for out-of-town visitors. To accommodate these visitors, the library has been open for inspection at any time on application to the librarian and it has been opened several times for the benefit of the school children, who have desired to do special reference work.

It is the desire of the librarian to satisfy all reasonable and legitimate demands upon the library and make it of use to as many people as possible. During the year, according to the register, the number of out-of-town visitors has been 596, townspeople, 3,522; total number of visitors, 4,118.

CIRCULATION

For the year from Jan. 31, 1909, to Jan. 31, 1910, the circulation has been as follows:

Fiction, 3,804; juvenile, 1,637; periodicals, 547; science, 76; philosophy, 43; religion, 13; sociology, 17; poetry, 66; useful

arts, 20; fine arts, 8; literature, 39; travel, 120; biography, 77; history, 75. Total circulation for the year, 6,503.

A branch library has been maintained as usual at Christian hill, under the care of Mrs. O. H. Taylor.

At the opening of the library Dec. 12, 1908, the number of volumes in the library in good condition was 1,605. Books, by gift and purchase were added to make the number 2,045 at the close of the library year, Jan. 31, 1909. During the past year we have had gifts from the following persons: Colonel Esleek, Greenfield, Mass.; Abram Bunn, Hartford, Conn.; John Bowen, Colrain, and from the state of Massachusetts and the N. E. Historic Genealogical society.

We have had 37 volumes of magazines bound and 52 old books rebound and put in good condition and have added by purchase 240 new books. Total number of books in library Jan. 31, 1910, 2,498 volumes.

BINDING

Our first venture in having magazines bound and old books rebound has been most successful. The work has been done in a most satisfactory manner by David Farquhar of Cambridge, and the 89 volumes in their new dress add both to the attractiveness and resources of the library at less than half the cost of new material. At the same time these bindings are guaranteed to last much longer than the original ones.

There is still a great quantity of material in the shape of old books and magazines which should be saved and another appropriation for the purpose would be money well invested.

TRAVELING LIBRARIES

We have had, as usual, a Tabard Inn library, which will be changed in March for a new one and a travelling library from the Woman's Education Society of Boston, which will be changed May 1st. The secretary of the W. E. S. has notified us that they will send us in March a set of English water-colors, which will be on exhibition at the library for three weeks.

PERIODICALS.

The periodicals which will be found in the library this coming year by gift and subscriptions are the following: Century, Harper's, Atlantic, Scribner's, Bookman, Good Housekeeping, Woman's Home Companion, Ladies' Home Journal, Harper's Bazar, Delineator, Everybody's, American, National Grange, Congregationalist, Youth's Companion and Dumb Animals.

BOOK COMMITTEE.

It has been the aim of this committee to perform their duties with great care.

Books have been ordered as far as possible to satisfy the needs and tastes of all the readers and every book has been by at least two of the committee before it has been accepted and placed upon the shelves. They have tried to supply books in answer to special requests from readers either by purchase, or in case of non-fiction, by borrowing from larger libraries and the committee at all times welcome suggestions or requests of this kind.

It is their endeavor to keep the class of books purchased up to a certain standard without adding those that will not be used by the patrons of the library.

A list of books added this year is appended to this report, which is respectfully submitted.

KATHERINE H. CRAM, Librarian

APPENDIX

Giving list of books added to the Griswold Memorial Library during the year.

NATURAL SCIENCE.

Beddard—Natural history in zoological gardens
Dolmage—Astronomy of to-day
Gibson—Scientific ideas to-day
Grew—Romance of modern geology
Hyrst—Adventures among wild beasts
Lea—Romance of bird life
Tyler—Man in the light of evolution

USEFUL ARTS.

Comstock—How to keep bees
Henderson—Gardening for profit
Henderson—Gardening for pleasure
Hunt—Home problems from a new standpoint
Johnson—When mother lets us cook
Kemp—How to lay out a garden
Maynard—Small country place
Morgan—How to dress a doll
Napier—Chemistry applied to dyeing
Richards—Cost of living
St. Maur—Earth's bounty
Winslow—Production and handling of clean milk
———Ten acres enough

PHILOSOPHY.

Waterman—Boy wanted
Call—Nerves and common sense
Avebury—Peace and happiness
Du Bois—Self-control and how to secure it
King—Laws of friendship
Mitchell—Self-help for nervous women
Tuttle—Arcana of nature
Walton—Why worry?

DRAMA.

Kennedy—Servant in the house

EDUCATION.

McMurry—How to study and how to teach studying

SOCIOLOGY.

Loane—Next street but one

Densmore—Sex equality

HISTORY.

Crane—Great battles of the world

Mackintosh—History of Scotland

———Redeemed captive

Yellow war

Plummer—History 48th regiment Mass. vol. militia

Roe—History 10th regiment Mass. vol. infantry

Gammons—History 3d Mass. regiment vol. militia

Bruce—History 20th Mass. regiment vol. infantry

Mann—History 45th Mass. regiment vol. militia

Billings—History 10th Mass. battalion of light artillery

POETRY.

Gilder—Complete poems

Stephenson—Days and Deeds

Peabody—Singing leaves

Wiggin—Golden numbers

Wilcox—Poems of power

BIOGRAPHY.

Casson—Life of Cyrus Hall McCormick

Deane—Life of Robert Moffatt

Ellis—Life of John Williams

Gilliat—Heroes of modern crusades

Greenslet—Life of Thomas Bailey Aldrich

Haskins—Famous authors men

Haskins—Famous authors women

Hotchkiss—Land heroes of 1812

Keller—World I live in

Milum—Life of Thomas B. Freeman

Montefriva—Life of Reginald Heber

Myers—Life of William Carey

Page—Life of Bishop Patterson

“ Life of Henry Martyn

“ Life of Samuel Crowther

Ober—Old ‘Put’ the patriot

Pitman—Lady missionaries in foreign lands

Missionary heroines in Eastern lands

Robson—Life of Griffith John
 Robson—Life of James Chalmers
 Sanborn—Recollections of seventy years, 2 vol.
 Shaler—Autobiography of Nathaniel Shaler
 Townsend—Life of Robert Morison
 Vernon—Life of James Calvert
 Washington—Working with the hands

TRAVEL.

Butterworth—Traveler tales of South Africa
 “ Traveler tales of China
 “ Traveler tales of Pan-America
 Johnson—Land of heather
 MacDonald—Our little Canadian cousin
 McManus—Our little Egyptian cousin
 “ Our little English cousin
 “ Our little French cousin
 Pike—Our little Panama cousin
 H. Roulet—Our little Alaskan cousin
 “ Our little Italian cousin
 Wade—Our little Siamese cousin
 “ Our little German cousin
 “ Our little Japanese cousin
 “ Our little Eskimo cousin
 Page—Japan and its people
 “ Amid Greenland snows.

FICTION.

Bartlett—Web of the golden spider
 Balzac—Pere Goyrot
 Beach—Spoilers
 “ Silver horde
 Bell—Whither thou goest
 Bindloss—Lorimer of the Northwest
 Blackmore—Maid of Sker
 Boyles—Langford of the three bars
 Bryant—Christopher Hibbault, road maker
 Broadhurst—New mayor, or Man of the hour
 Carey—Dr. Suttrell's first patient
 “ Sunny side of the hill
 “ Key to the unknown
 Crawford—White sister
 Chester—Making of Bobby Burnitt
 Cullum—Watchers of the plains
 Day—King Spruce

- De la Pasture—Catherine of Calais
 “ Catherine’s child
 “ Grey knight
 “ Deborah of Tods
- De Saix—Man without a head
- Dallas—A master hand
- Eggleston—Two gentlemen of Virginia
- Forslund—Old lady number 31
- Ford—Janice Meredith
 “ Hon. Peter Stirling
- Gale—Friendship village
- Grant—Chippendales
- Green—Leavenworth case
 “ Strange disappearance
- Glasgow—Romance of a plain man
- Harben—Gilbert Neal
- Hope—Great Miss Driver
- Hough—54-40 or fight
- Howells—Whole family
- Hall—Land of long ago
 “ One immortality
- Hawthorne—American mystery stories
 “ German-Russian mystery stories
 “ English-Scotch mystery stories
 “ Oriental mystery stories
 “ English and Irish mystery stories
- Johnson—Lewis Rand
- Kingsley—Glass house
- Knowles—Attic guest
- Klein—Music Master
 “ Lion and the mouse
- Kent—House opposite
- Lincoln—Partners of the tide
 “ Keziah Coffin
- Lane—Katrine
- Lee—Simeon Tetlow’s shadow
- Locke—Septimus
- Lynde—King of Arcadia
- Lutz—Phoebe Deane
- McCutcheon—Graustark
 “ Beverly of Graustark
- Montgomery—Anne of Greengables
 “ Anne of Avonlea
- Michelson—Michael Thwaite’s wife

- Ottolengin—Crime of the century
 “ An artist in crime
 “ Conflict of evidence
 Porter—Freckles
 Porter—Freckles
 “ Girl of the limberlost
 Post—Strange schemes of Randolph Mason
 “ Man of last resort
 Parker—Northern lights
 Rinehart—Man in lower ten
 Rod—L'eau courante
 Reed—Lavender and old lace
 “ Old rose and silver
 Ray—Bridge builders
 Richmond—Round the corner in Gay street
 Tompkins—The open house
 Vance—Bronze bell
 Ward—Testing of Diana Mallory
 Webster—Much ado about Peter
 White, F.—Yellow face
 “ Mystery of the four fingers
 White, W. A.—A certain rich man
 Williamson—Car of destiny
 “ Set in silver
 “ Lady Betty across the water
 Wright—Poppea of the post-office
 White, E. O.—Wares of Edgefield
 Wright, H. B.—Calling of Dan Matthews

JUVENILE.

- Alcott—Little women
 “ Little men
 “ Jo's boys
 “ Eight cousins
 “ Rose in bloom
 “ Jack and Jill
 “ Old-fashioned girl
 “ Under the liras
 Lawrence—Young folks' whys and wherefores
 “ Young folks' ideas
 “ Young folks' queries
 Allen—Navy blue
 Barbour—Crimson sweater
 Bindloss—Young traders
 Blanchard—Four Corners

- Blanchard—Four Corners in California
 “ Four Corners at school
 “ Four Cornert abroad
 Burleigh—All among the loggers
 “ Camp on letter K.
 “ Raymond Benson at Krampton
 “ Kenton pines
 Carmen Sylva—A real queen's fairy tales
 Dudley—Yale cup
 Douglas—Helen Grant, teacher
 Ellis—Wide awake girls
 “ Wide awake girls at Winsted
 Frost—Fairies and folk of Ireland
 Holton—Little stories of little animals
 Houston—Boy electrician
 “ Five months on a derelict
 “ Wrecked on a coral island
 “ In captivity in the Pacific
 Jonhston—Little Colonel stories
 “ Little Colonel's house party
 “ Little Colonel's holidays
 “ Little Colonel's hero
 “ Little Colonel's Christmas vacation
 “ Little Colonel at boarding school
 Mabie—Fairy tales every child should know
 “ Famous stories every child should know
 “ Heroes every child should know
 Moore—Deeds of daring done by girls
 Meade—A madcap
 Mulets—Flower stories
 “ Tree stories
 Otis—With the treasure seekers
 Richards—Five minute stories
 “ More five minute storeis
 Ray—Sidney, her summer on the St. Lawrence
 “ Janet, her winter in Quebec
 “ Day, her year in New York
 “ Sidney at college
 “ Janet at odds
 Rhoades—Brave little Peggy
 Seton—Biography of a silver fox
 Sidney—Five little Peppers
 Smith—Boys and girls of '77
 Spyri—Heidi
 Tomlinson—Four boys on the Mississippi

Thompson—American Patty
 Wells—Dowance doings
 Picture-books Children's farm
 " Noah's ark
 " Peter Rabbit
 " Little Red riding hood
 " Painting pastimes

BOUND MAGAZINES.

Harper's Monthly, 13 vols.
 Atlantic Monthly, 8 vols.
 Scribner's Monthly, 12 vols.
 Good Housekeeping, 4 vols.

BOOKS REBOUND.

Abbott—Blue Jeckets of 1812
 " Blue Jackets of 1861
 Alcott, Little men
 Alden—As in a mirror
 " Divers women
 " Her associate members
 " Randolphs
 Bamford—Second year of the Look-about club
 Barbour—That Mainwaring affair
 Burnett—Making of a marchioness
 Carpenter—Popular readings, 2 vols.
 Chapman—Bird life
 Clemens—Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's court
 Coffin—Boys of '76
 Cram—Little beasts of field and wood
 Coolidge—What Katy did at school
 Doyle—Adventures of Sherlock Holmes
 " Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes
 " Return of Sherlock Holmes
 Dunn—Memory street
 Gardenhiv—Long arm
 Glasgow—Voice of the people
 Gordon—Sky Pilot
 Green—Filigree ball
 " One of my sons
 Harland—Moss side
 " Sunny bank
 Ingersoll—Friends worth knowing
 Jackson—Ramona
 Knox—Boy travellers in South America

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Townsberry—Guide to the wild flowers
 Lovejoy—Nature in verse
 Merriam—Birds of village and field
 Murray—Adirondack tales
 Ober—Knockabout club in North Africa
 Page—Gordon Keith
 Prentiss—Stepping heavenward
 Seton—Lives of the hunted
 Stephens—Camping out
 Stowe—Little pussy willow
 “ Uncle Tom's Cabin
 Van Dyke—Ruling passion
 Wallace—Ben Hur
 Warner—Daisy
 Whitney—We girls
 Wilkins—Pembroke

FIRESIDE READINGS.

Blanchan—Bird neighbors

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

—OF THE—

Town of Colrain

—FOR THE—

Year Ending February 1, 1910

School Calendar

1910-1911

SPRING TERM—Begins March 28; ends June 17.

FALL TERM—Begins August 29; ends December 16.

In the following schools the term will begin August 22;
Christian Hill, Wilson Hill.

WINTER TERM—Begins January 2; ends February 24.

VACATION—December 16 to January 2.

HOLIDAYS—Patriots' Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and the day following, February 22.

School Committee

JONATHAN E. DAVENPORT, Chairman

HERBERT A. HALE,

JOHN W. CRAM, Secretary

MELVILLE A. STONE, Superintendent

Truant Officer

ARCHIE B. STETSON.

School Physician

JOHN W. CRAM, M. D.

Report of School Committee

FELLOW CITIZENS:

The time has come again when it is our duty to make a report of our doings for another year as your school committee. To say that our work has been varied and "strenuous," is putting it mildly. Austin R. Paull tendered his resignation as Superintendent of Schools in June. Then came the choosing, electing and establishing of a new superintendent. We wish to say that we believe the town of Colrain, as well as the whole joint district, was very fortunate to secure such a man as Melville A. Stone as superintendent of its schools. We have found him to be a man of ability and one who has had valuable experience as an educator.

We have done but a very little in the way of general repairs. It has been more of a problem than ever, if possible, to secure suitable teachers for our schools, with the wages that we are able to offer. We do not believe that it is because the wages paid in Colrain are so exceedingly low as compared with other towns. The fact is plain to be seen that teachers are scarce.

There was a time when your committee was pressed with applications, now a search has to be made up and down the state to find a person suitable for the position. Two reasons may be named that are largely responsible for this condition of things. First, we as patrons, are no longer satisfied with a person who is just qualified to keep school. The teacher is expected to teach the scholars, as well as to keep them within proper bounds. One other reason that perhaps has quite as much to do with a dirth of teachers, is that there are so many other vocations open to young people that require less time

and expense to become qualified to fill, and offer equally good salaries.

One year ago we were agitating the questions of new schoolhouses at Colrain Center and Griswoldville. At an adjourned town meeting held in April, it was voted to build a new building at Griswoldville and add a room to the schoolhouse at Colrain Center. It was also voted to raise \$4,000.00 for that purpose. The matter had been gone over carefully and with the knowledge at hand, it was thought that sum would be sufficient, but at that time we were unable to take into consideration many things which experience alone would teach.

One of the most important and the one which we had to meet at every turn, is the state law of Massachusetts that governs the erection of all public buildings, in regard to heating, ventilating, etc. Although it has caused much delay and made additional expense, we will hope that it has been a blessing in disguise and that we have much better buildings than we should otherwise have had.

We believe that you appreciate the very liberal way in which Mr. Lorenzo Griswold and the Griswoldville Mfg. Co., have materially helped on both the Griswoldville and the Colrain Center schoolhouses. The building at Griswoldville is completed and all bills are paid. The one at Colrain is nearly done and we hope to keep the expense within the appropriation.

We wish to have it go upon record that one of the lesser items in which the town was helped by the above named parties, was the gift of a deed of one acre of land for a school ground at Griswoldville and \$100.00 towards the purchase of land for the addition at Colrain Center. In closing we wish to thank all who have aided us in the work that has been done during the past year, and we believe that all who desire the best good of our town will appreciate the work done.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RESOURCES

Town appropriation for schools.....	\$4,700 00	
Town appropriation for superintendent....	300 00	
Town appropriation for school physician...	50 00	
Received from Quintus Allen fund.....	150 00	
Received from tuition of state wards.....	14 50	
Received from state school fund.....	1,277 81	
Received from high school tuition.....	1,116 00	
Received from dog fund.....	55 91	
Received from tuition from town of Shelburne	174 00	
Received from state, rebate on account of superintendent of schools.....	500 00	
Received from sale of supplies.....	50	
Balance in treasury Feb. 1, 1909.....	1,229 35	
		\$9,568 07

EXPENDITURES

Paid teachers.....	\$ 4,696 50	
Transportation	540 53	
Supplies	359 77	
Repairs	57 18	
Fuel	257 03	
Incidentals	87 53	
Cleaning and care of school rooms....	187 49	
High school tuition.....	948 00	
Superintendent of schools.....	600 00	
Truant officer.....	3 00	
School physician.....	50 00	
		\$7,787 03
Balance in treasury Feb. 1, 1910,		\$1,781 04
		\$9,568 07

TEACHERS' SALARIES

Paid Ella M. Stetson.....	\$273 00
Katherine E. Burke.....	308 00

Paid Louise M. Sessler.....	\$288 00	
Mildred M. Wood.....	262 00	
Clarence L. Brigham.....	180 00	
Nettie M. Canedy.....	153 00	
Mrs. Minnie E. Eddy.....	123 50	
Blanche Nicholls.....	130 00	
Maud C. Gilderdale.....	147 00	
Ella C. Crotty.....	144 00	
Lauria F. Wetmore.....	378 00	
Edith M. Smith.....	324 00	
Mattie H. Wiley.....	152 00	
Mrs. Mary H. Jennings.....	144 00	
Myra L. Hillman.....	352 00	
Alice M. Thompson.....	363 50	
Matie E. Niles.....	144 00	
Della M. Clark.....	105 00	
Ellen J. Temple.....	306 00	
Mildred S. Davenport.....	97 50	
Gertrude Marchesseault.....	180 00	
Alice M. Scribner.....	70 00	
Lola E. Gadsby.....	36 00	
Helen L. Banks.....	36 00	
		\$4,696 50

TRANSPORTATION

Paid A. B. Stetson.....	\$116 25	
W. R. Bridges.....	169 00	
Frank Galipault.....	151 00	
Mrs. Olive Nichols.....	95 00	
Harvey Herzig.....	1 15	
Emma Plant.....	63	
S. F. & C. St. R. R. Co.....	7 50	
		\$540 53

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Paid Arms Academy.....	\$828 00	
North Adams high school.....	30 00	
Greenfield high school.....	90 00	
		\$948 00

FUEL

Paid C. A. Dennison.....	\$ 1 00	
J. E. Davenport.....	47 11	
E. W. Coombs.....	5 00	
Henry Cromack.....	10 50	
Harry Bell.....	13 50	
C. W. McLee.....	13 40	
C. J. Moore.....	13 50	
H. D. Root.....	33 75	
A. R. Dennison.....	1 50	
A. B. Stetson.....	42 36	
Frank Herzig.....	15 00	
Marcy and Donelson.....	19 63	
L. D. Harris.....	15 75	
Griswold Mfg. Co.....	25 03	
		\$ 257 03

REPAIRS

Paid Eli Stone.....	\$ 50	
A. R. Dennison.....	48 36	
F. W. Purrington.....	2 48	
Elias Bardwell.....	1 50	
Geo. R. Purrington.....	2 10	
J. E. Davenport.....	2 24	
		\$57 18

JANITOR WORK

Paid Mattie H. Wiley.....	\$ 7 00	
Matie E. Niles.....	2 30	
Caroline Coburn.....	2 40	
Nelson Joy.....	8 70	
Earl Looman.....	8 20	
Earl McDonald.....	3 00	
Gertrude Bell.....	11 10	
Ellen Temple.....	8 15	
Mrs. M. Looman.....	1 50	
Alice Rabadeau.....	4 80	
Lena Rabadeau.....	4 80	
Fred Herzig.....	7 20	
Kenneth White.....	4 50	
Mildred Wood.....	10 45	

Paid Helen McGee.....	\$ 2 80
Katherine E. Burke.....	10 10
Ida Carey.....	3 60
H. A. Hale.....	3 70
Eli Stone.....	50
E. Auger.....	5 00
Mrs. Harry Bell.....	10 00
Nettie M. Canedy.....	3 20
Alice M. Thompson.....	5 00
Edith M. Smith.....	10 05
Emma O'Brien.....	5 40
Lauria F. Wetmore.....	4 00
Ella C. Crotty.....	1 60
Blanche Nicholls.....	4 60
Mrs. Thos. Storms.....	2 40
Elias Bardwell.....	50
J. E. Davenport.....	90
Louise M. Sessler.....	11 64
Mrs. I. N. Joy.....	2 00
James Looman.....	1 50
Gottfried Schechterle.....	6 20
Myra L. Hillman.....	4 80
Minnie E. Eddy.....	3 90

 \$187 49

SUPPLIES

Paid Ginn & Co.....	\$ 43 78
D. C. Heath & Co.....	21 83
Silver, Burdett & Co.....	17 60
J. L. Hammett & Co.....	116 19
M. C. Holden.....	30 80
Kenney Bros. & Walkins.....	27 87
Atkinson, Mentzer & Grover.....	21 55
Chas. Scribners' Sons.....	15 15
Edw'd E. Babb & Co.....	26 33
H. Newell & Co.....	10 25
Milton Bradley Co.....	16 82
Rand, McNally & Co.....	11 60

 \$359 77

INCIDENTALS

Paid R. R. Nickerson.....	\$6 00
Lauria F. Wetmore.....	15

Paid A. R. Paull.....	\$ 6 50	
C. P. Hall.....	3 50	
Melville A. Stone.....	26 55	
Dennison & Smith.....	12 27	
Katherine E. Burke.....	1 30	
H. O. Scott & Son.....	2 00	
George R. Purrington.....	25	
C. J. Carpenter.....	4 53	
Thompson Bros.....	5 80	
F. A. Brown.....	2 78	
J. W. Cram.....	8 20	
H. A. Hale.....	1 95	
S. F. & C. St. R. R. Co.....	3 15	
F. W. Purrington.....	2 60	
		\$ 87 53

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Paid A. R. Paull.....	\$ 300 00	
Melville A. Stone.....	300 00	
		\$600 00

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Paid J. W. Cram, M. D.....	\$ 50 00
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TRUANT OFFICER

Paid Archie B. Stetson.....	\$ 3 00
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New School Buildings.

RESOURCES

Town appropriation for buildings.....	\$4,000 00	
Town appropriation for Frary lot.....	250 00	
		\$4,250 00

EXPENDITURES

Griswoldville Building

Paid E. A. Hall & Co.....	\$	3	00	
C. A. Tinker.....		62	00	
M. N. Peterson.....		2,506	20	
				<u>\$2,571 20</u>

City School Building

Paid Mrs. Cora Frary.....	\$	250	00	
Roscoe Temple.....		101	41	
M. N. Peterson.....		1,000	00	
				<u>\$1,351 41</u>

\$3,922 61

Balance appropriation for new buildings on hand Feb. 1, 1910.....				327 39
				<u>\$4,250 00</u>

Respectfully submitted,

JONATHAN E. DAVENPORT,	}	School Committee of Colrain.
JOHN W. CRAM,		
HERBERT A. HALE,		

Colrain, Mass., Feb. 12, 1910.

Have this day audited books of school committee and find
the same correct.

H. B. MILLER, Auditor

Superintendent's Report

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF COLRAIN,

GENTLEMEN:—It becomes my duty, as well as my privilege, to submit to you my first report on the condition and needs of the schools of Colrain.

For the five months ending with Jan. 31st, I have noted with care the character of the work done by the pupils in the different sections of the town. It is a pleasure to be able to report that the teachers manifest a desire to do the best that conditions will allow to secure for the pupils of each grade the proper all round development.

This development calls for material which is suited to the needs of the different grades. In reading, for example, after the first steps have been acquired by the use of first and second readers, we should select stories that not only please, but also give information which will directly contribute to their future store of needed information.

For this purpose we have secured, instead of the regular readers, sets of historical readers, "America's Story for America's Children," with the purpose of giving, at an early age, a few of the early events and leading characters of our country's history. With this introduction, the work of the upper grammar grades will become more interesting than at present, with the result that still more intensive work can be accomplished with less apparent effort. In this way we expect to meet the increased demands of Arms Academy, so far as the preparation in history is concerned.

The plan of using the new room at Colrain Center as a special school for the development of eighth and ninth grade work

promises much for the progress of the pupils in attendance there.

In this connection I wish to express my appreciation to those in charge of the fine library, for the privilege granted the teacher and pupils of using freely the books found helpful in the study of United States history.

The day of preparation in history for high school by the use of one book only, has long since passed, for it is not so much a matter of acquiring a certain number of facts of history, as it is the developing of a love for the study and the use of books that shall afford pleasure and profit after school days are over.

This we seek to bring about by the use of several authors throughout the last part of the grammar grade work.

The work in language and grammar also calls for special effort on the part of the teachers and they are ready to do what may be done with the limited time at their disposal when laboring with schools of five or six grades. The texts in use offer many helpful suggestions. As a part of the general training in language penmanship is entitled to more attention than it has received judging from the general results. Our aim was to give this part of our work fresh impetus at the time of the second general meeting for the teachers of the district, Jan. 28th, when Mr. A. W. Clark gave them a practical talk on the subject. In a general way the mastery of the mother tongue, including reading, spelling, writing, language work—oral and written—and technical grammar, is the most important work undertaken by the school, for upon this knowledge depends the clear understanding of all special branches, also the ability to express accurately every thought one desires to communicate to others.

An important subject for which no adequate provision has been made, is drawing. If it does not seem practical to provide a supervisor of drawing, I would recommend the use of a recent series of drawing books published by D. C. Heath & Co. The instructions to teachers given in the manual of the series will enable our pupils to derive a good amount of benefit from the use of these books.

The course in study in use will enable the teachers to meet the increased requirement of the state board in the other subjects of elementary school work, but in some cases I would recom-

mend the purchase of more recent texts as the necessity arises for buying new books to take the place of those that are worn out. When it costs but a trifle more to use the best text books published, there is no question as to the advisability of securing them in a matter so important as the all-round development of our young people. In spite of all we may do, the conditions under which our children are getting their education are trying, and every improvement in the equipment will enable the teacher to accomplish so much the more for them.

In line with this thought of providing the best books possible, is the effect we have reason to expect from the new school building at Griswoldville. From the first hour of occupying the building, the pupils have taken on a new interest in school work, and in general, they take pride in the new surroundings and are quite ready to admit that true patriotism demands of them great care in the use of all these new helps to their own education.

With ample grounds available for a little instruction in plant culture, it is expected that something will be done to interest these pupils in the planting and cultivating of both flowers and vegetables. Wherever we can bring the attention of children to the ordinary workings of nature and show them the wonderful processes that are taking place on every hand, we lay the foundation for a contented home life in the future, where house plants and a garden shall yield continual pleasure.

I wish to call attention to the table of statistics, for it shows a gain in the matter of attendance, not only in the per cent of attendance—90.1% for 1908 and 91.8 for 1909—but in a very much reduced number of cases of absence. When we consider that we have only 180 days in our school year, we get some idea of the loss to the community when we find as many as 3,912 days of absence in town. This number divided by the number of school days in the year, 180, gives us 21.73 or nearly twenty-two pupils who have not enjoyed the privilege of schools for one year. Add to this the interference with the school work of 1,101 cases of tardiness and 471 cases of dismissal and we see how great improvement is possible. In case of tardiness and dismissal, the loss to the pupil amounts to more than the minutes

concerned in each case, for the mind is attentive to other things than the school work for a greater time than the actual number of minutes away from the school room.

The way to reduce this loss to the community is to secure a more thorough interest in the schools in general, and in each pupil's work in particular. One way in which we hope to increase general interest in the schools is by giving a little work to the lower grade pupils that shall develop a control of the hand and in case of the eighth and ninth grades, by giving work in history and language that shall call for some independent study at home. An important part of the better preparation for high school, which is demanded by the State Board of Education, is the ability to do work independently, to control one's time and thought under conditions not specially planned to favor study. Such are the conditions usually found in the home and it is the mastery of such conditions that guarantees success upon entering any high school, where conditions differ so greatly from those found in a grade school. It is encouraging to find that several of our ninth grade pupils are acting upon this suggestion made some time ago and the results are becoming quite apparent in the daily work and in the tests.

In this matter, however, as in the case of regular attendance, we must rely very much upon the practical interest of the parents. The business of the pupils is school work while the school is in session, and while the law requires of each child under fourteen years, attendance for the entire time the school is in session and impose a fine for the parent who disregards it, the indifference of parents in matters of tardiness, dismissal and employment all of the time out of school hours, results in failure of promotion often, and in taking ten years for preparation for high school instead of nine. In some cases it may be best for the pupil to take an extra year, but in case of a pupil in normal condition of health, he should be properly prepared at the age of fourteen or fifteen years. To postpone the higher work beyond this age means a loss of one year's earnings at the close of the high school or college course.

When the new room at the Center is ready to occupy, it

will be well for parents of the eighth and ninth grade pupils in the outlying schools to consider this condition and where it proves feasible, to provide for transportation to the central school where the best conditions for that work will be provided.

Report of Supervisor of Music

MELVILLE A. STONE, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:

 The musical instruction in the schools of Colrain is being continued under the same methods as outlined in a former report and the public have had various opportunities for judging the results on various occasions, more especially at the Memorial Day exercises of each year. All children now graduating from our ninth grades are able to meet the requirements in this branch of work, and in certain cases of exceptional natural talent, are able to do much more.

I again avail myself of the opportunity to publicly thank the teachers and school officials for their hearty co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. BRIGHAM,

Supervisor of Music.

Report of School Physician

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

With the close of the winter term, I shall have examined all the pupils as required by the statute. Some of the children who needed throat operations a year ago, have had the work done, and are in better condition for it. There are others who need to have their throats attended and I hope their parents will see to it as soon as possible.

The teeth of many of the children should have better care, as I recommended last year.

The epidemic of whooping cough has necessitated excluding a large number of pupils from the schools for several weeks. We have furnished certificates for the return of these pupils to school again, as required by law.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. CRAM,
School Physician.

The following is a list of those who received the diploma of ninth grade last June, which entitled them to admission to Arms Academy:

Rosemarie Brigham	John W. Evans
Bertrand M. Cromack, Jr.	Alta M. Joy
	Annie E. Bushee

Roll of Honor

The roll of honor for perfect attendance for one or more terms shows a gain over that of the previous year.

The following pupils were not absent, tardy nor dismissed during the entire school year, closing June, 1909:

Edmond Albec	Louise M. Hale
Effie Apt	Marjorie D. Hale
Mildred D. Apt	Grace Joy
Muriel Damon	Lydia LaValley
Ruth Graham	Wm. Merkle

The following pupils were not absent, tardy nor dismissed during two terms of the school year, ending June, 1909:

Amos Bukey	Arthur Galvin
Lawrence Bushey	Winnie Herzig
George Call	Alice Joy
Sarah Clark	Nellie M. Kemp
Frederick Coburn	Ella LaRock
John M. Coombs	Emma LaValley
Robert E. Coombs	Walter LaValley
Gwendolyn Damon	Louis Peltier
Annie Finck	Overloy Peltier
Rosa Finck	Vida Perrault
Eddie Gadreault	Arthur Purrington

Charles Underwood

The following pupils were not absent, tardy nor dismissed during one term of the school year, ending June, 1909:

Leon Beaudry	Gladys Joy
Rena Beaudry	Nelson Joy
Fred Bernard	Otto Jurek
Alfred Billiel	Merritt King
Charles Billiel	Albina Miller
Edith W. Bridges	Eddie Miller
Robert Call	Lula A. Miller
Howard Clark	Alice Moro
Peter Collis	Mary Peters
Sarah Coutu	Howard Porter
Lillian A. Cromack	Lucie Purrington
Deane Dwight	Mary Riel
Dorothy Fairbanks	Willie Riel
Lena Finck	Marion Ross
Louisa Finck	Lawrence Scott
Harvey Gadreault	Mildred Shearer
Cora Galipo	Alice W. Smith
Grace Harris	Clara Starkey
Gertrude Herzig	Vincie Temple
Leon Herzig	Brandt Van Mort
John Hillman	Marion L. White

In conclusion I wish to express my appreciation for the co-operation shown by the teachers and the encouraging support of the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

MELVILLE A. STONE,

Superintendent.

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE, 1909.

SCHOOLS	TEACHERS	Terms	Wages per Month	Whole Number Enrolled		Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent. of Attendance	Days of Absence	Tardiness	Dismissed
				Boys	Girls						
Adamsville	Ella J. Temple	3	\$34	11	7	11.8	10.6	90.	209.5	13	7
Bardwell	Katherine E. Burke	3	32	12	1	11.6	10.9	94.	106.	22	1
Brick	Louise M. Sessler	3	32	5	5	9.1	8.1	90.	163.	97	17
Center	Alice M. Thompson	3	44	18	20	38.5	35.9	93.	454.5	248	44
Christian Hill	Ella M. Stetson	3	28	7	4	10.1	9.2	91.	152.	11	3
Elm Grove	{ Ida G. Bacon Mattie E. Niles	1	36	7	9	13.1	12.1	92.6	143.	34	11
Foundry Grammar	Myra L. Hillman	2	36	17	13	25.2	24.6	97.7	284.	31	6
Foundry Primary	Mrs. J. H. Jennings	3	36	20	17	32.1	27.9	86.6	731.	28	17
Four Corners	Mildred M. Wood	3	28	5	7	8.5	8.2	96.5	48.5	19	0
Griswoldville Grammar	Mattie H. Wiley	3	38	21	14	28.9	24.6	80.1	751.5	191	294
Griswoldville Primary	Edith M. Smith	3	36	17	16	29.1	26.6	91.5	451.5	246	15
Shattuckville	Laurie F. Wetmore	3	42	13	18	26.4	25.8	97.7	100.	48	51
South	Nettie M. Canedy	3	34	11	8	16.9	15.9	94.1	160.5	76	6
Spurr	Della May Clark	3	28	8	6	11.3	9.5	84.2	149.5	34	3
Wilson Hill	Mildred S. Davenport	3	26	3	6	7.3	7.	96.	47.5	3	0

Totals, 165 151 279.9 256.9 91.8 3912 1101 471

Report of Truant Officer

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Number cases investigated	11
Number out sick	2
Number kept out by parents	5
Number of truants	4
All returned to school.	

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. STETSON,
Truant Officer.

February 3, 1910.

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